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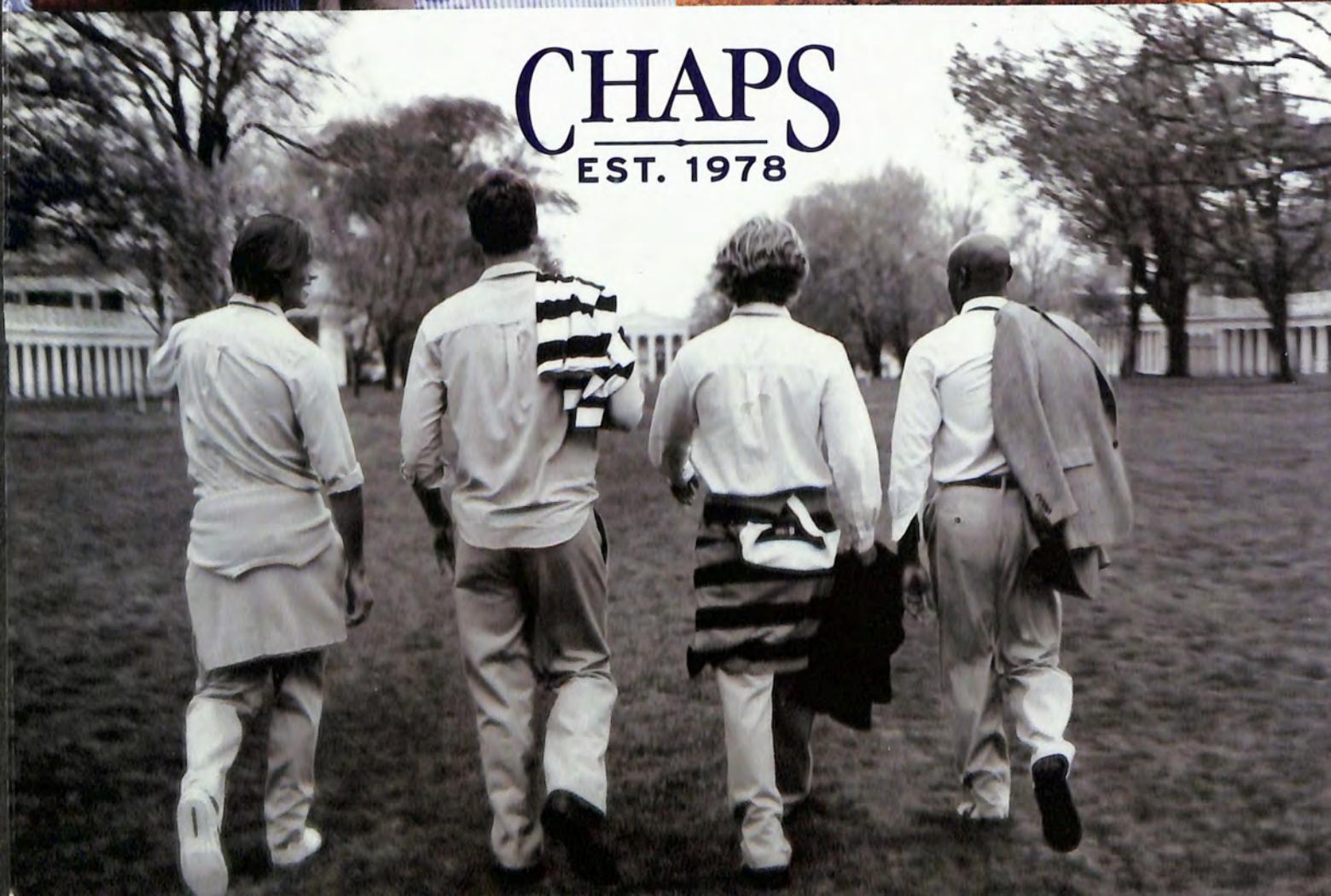
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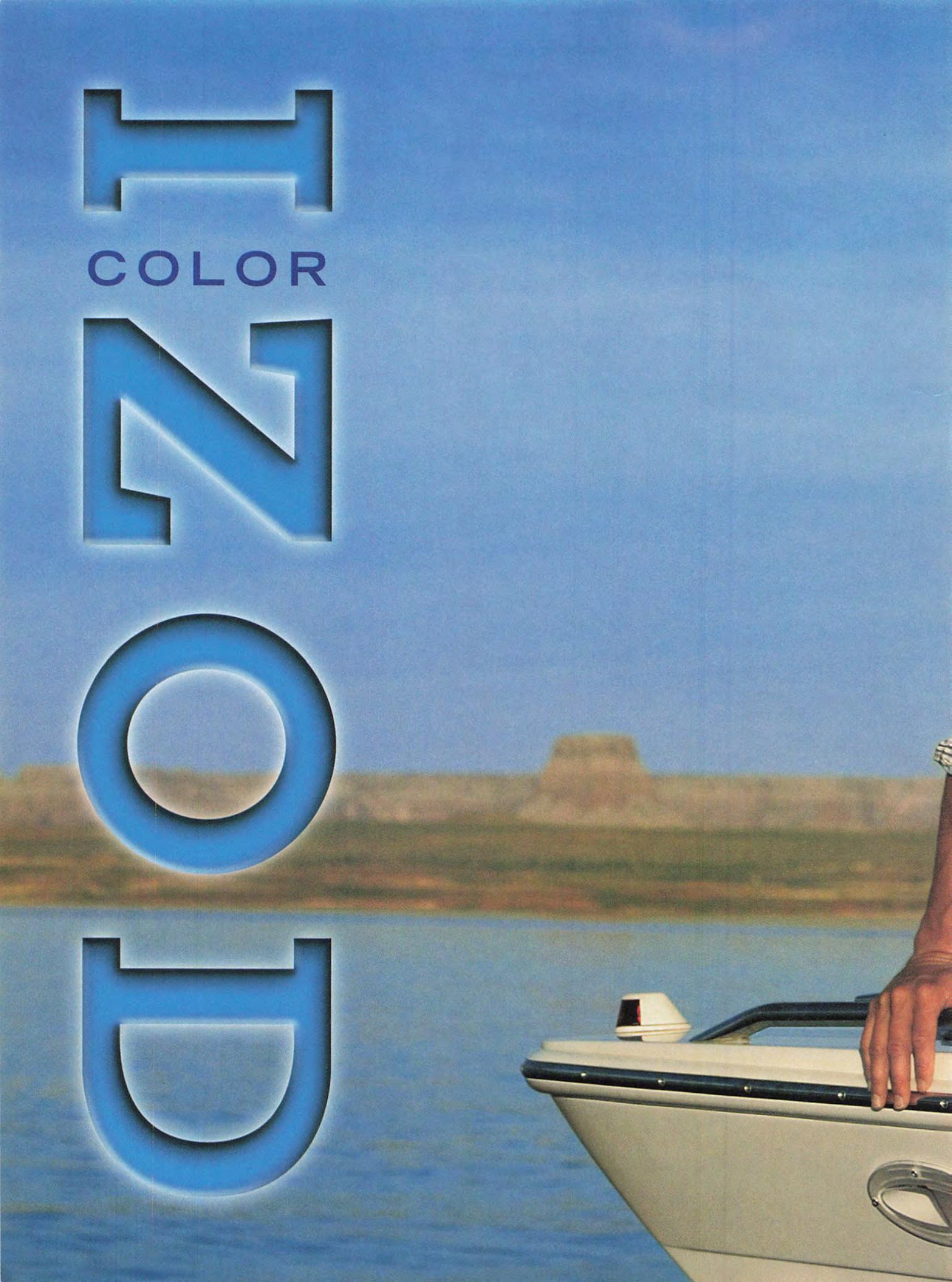
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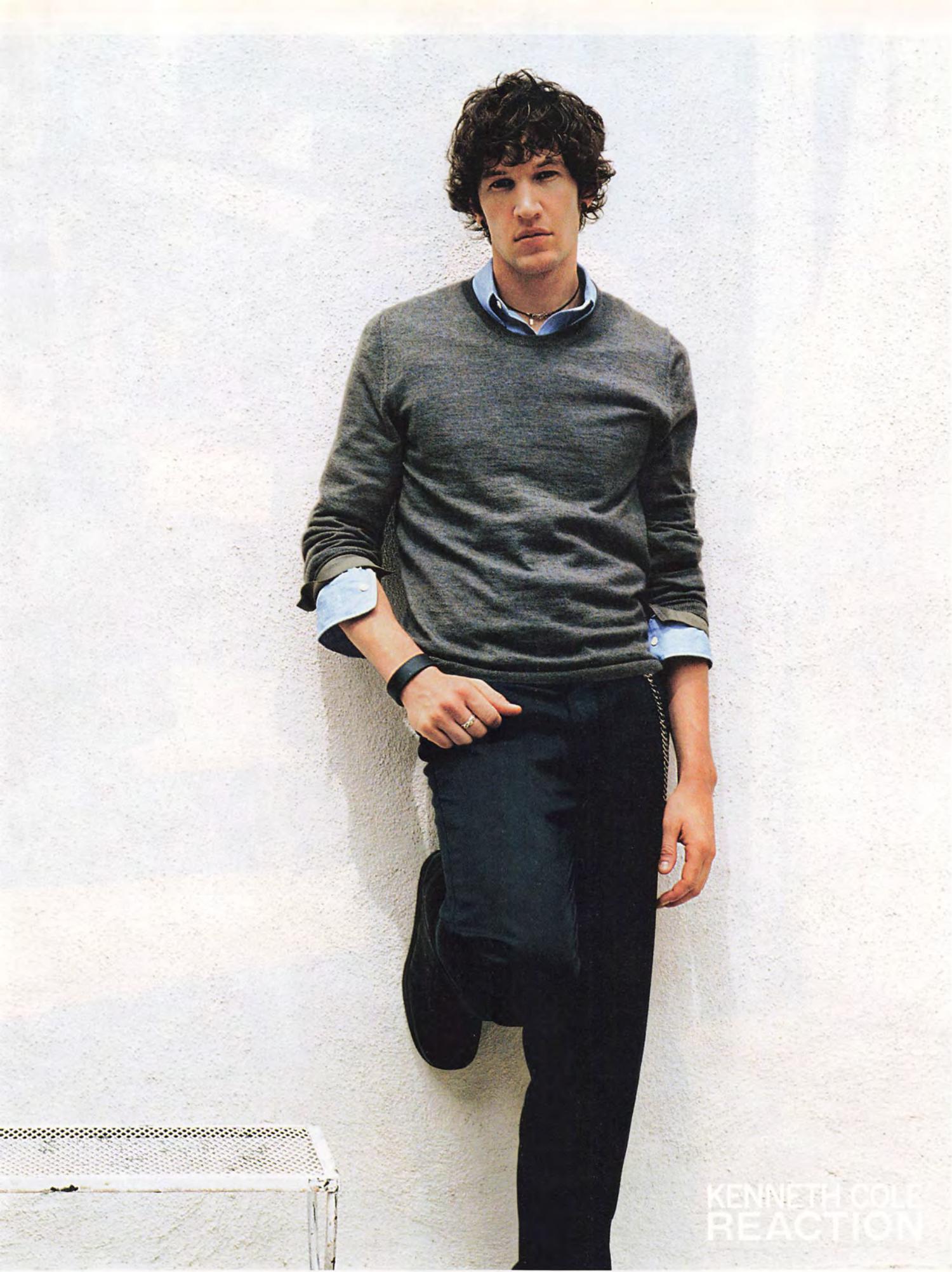
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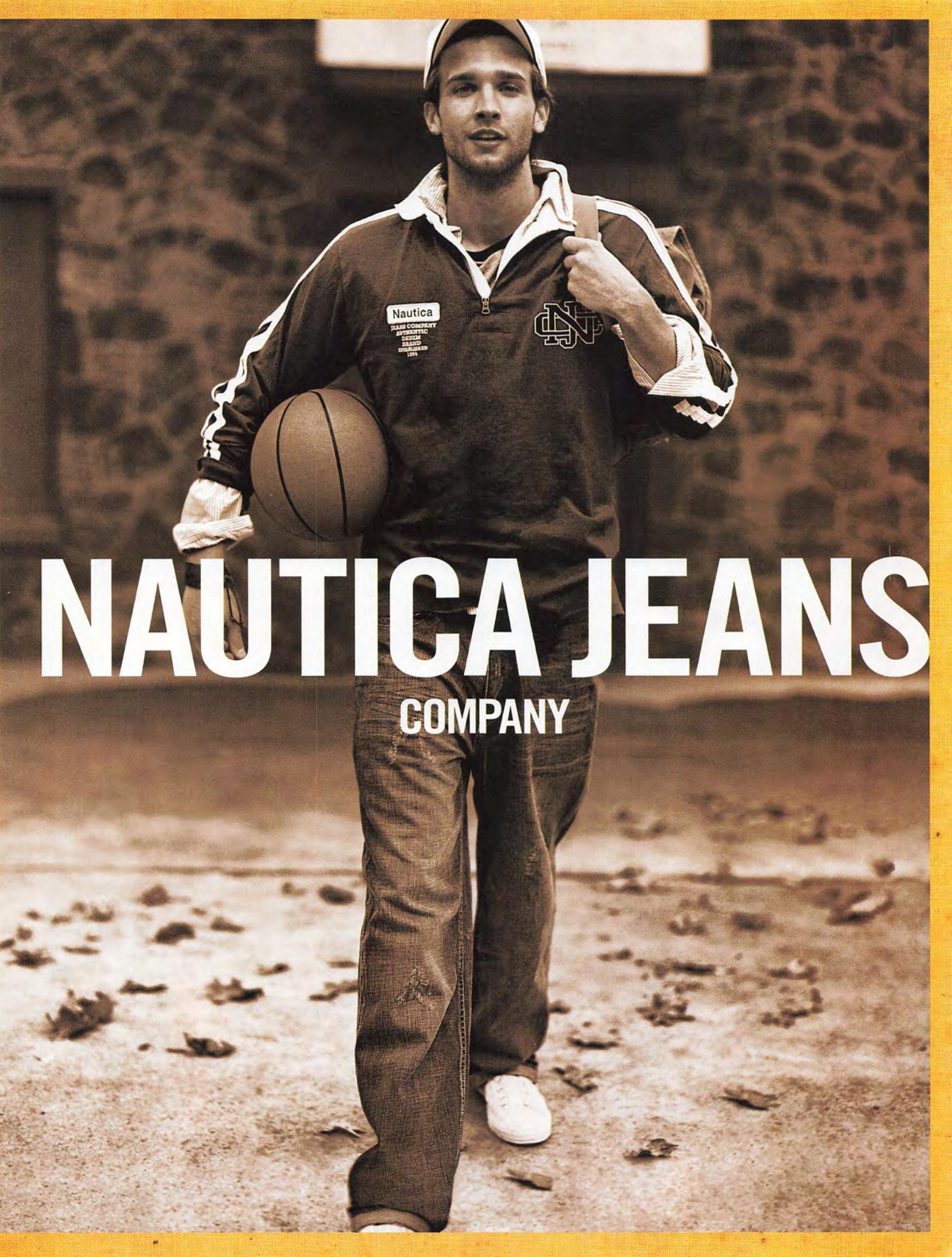




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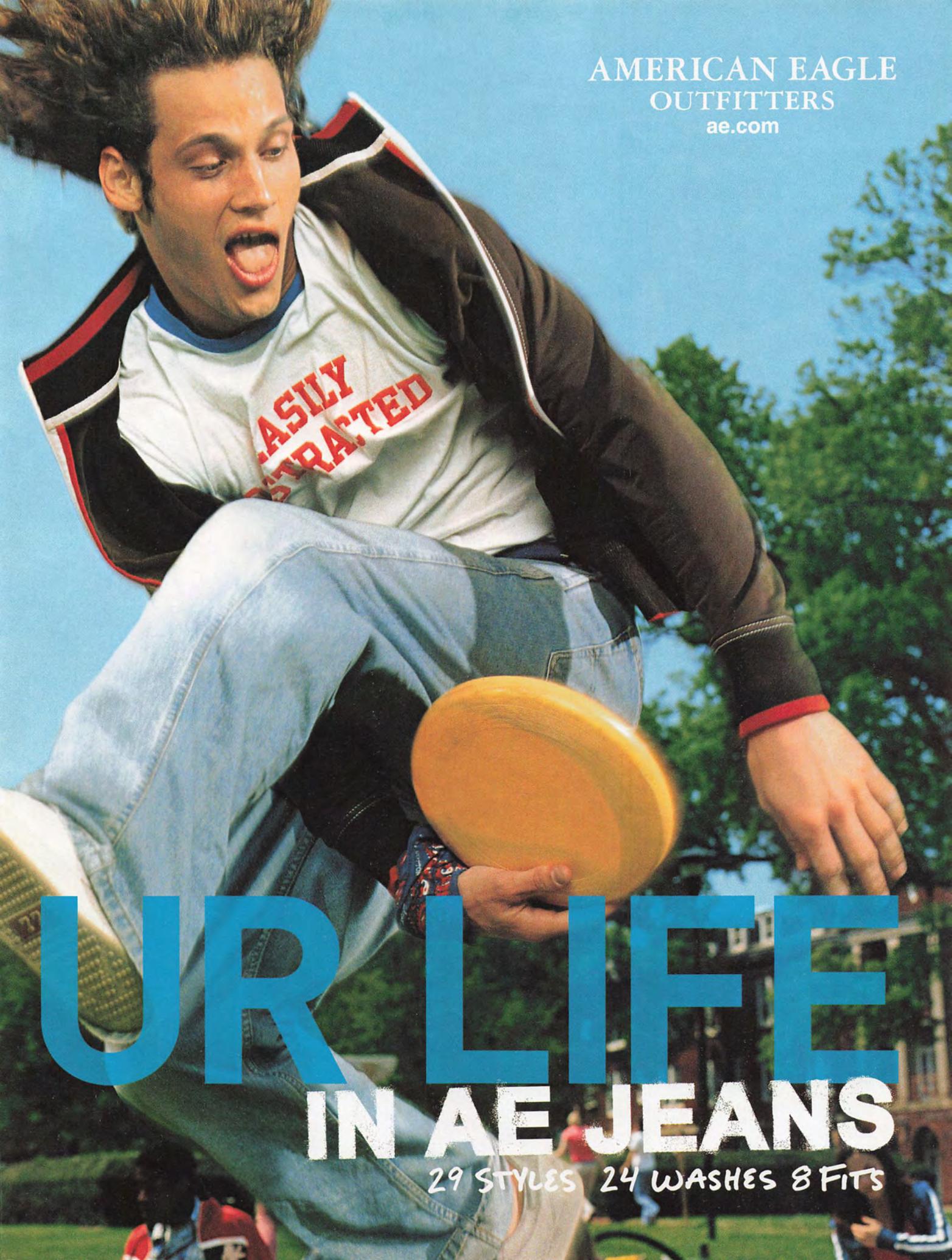
A color photograph of a young man standing outdoors on a sandy beach. He is wearing a dark brown zip-up tracksuit with white stripes on the shoulders and cuffs, and a small Nautica logo patch on the left chest. He is also wearing dark brown jeans. He is holding a light-colored basketball in his left hand and a dark backpack strap over his right shoulder. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background shows a cloudy sky and some distant buildings.

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A color photograph of a young man with dark hair and a beard, shouting with his mouth wide open. He is wearing a white t-shirt with red text that reads "EASILY EXCITED" and blue jeans. He is sitting on a dark-colored fence, holding a yellow frisbee in his right hand. The background shows a bright blue sky and some green trees.

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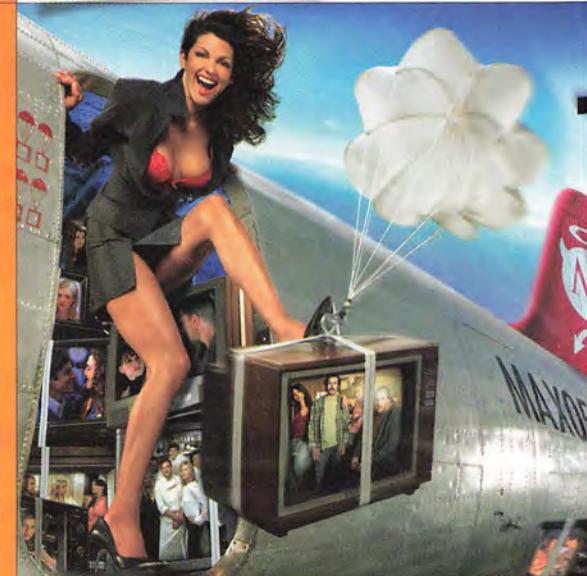


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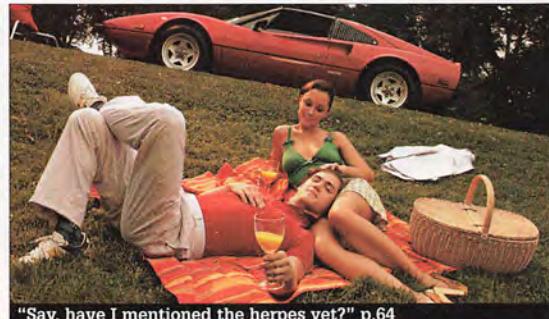
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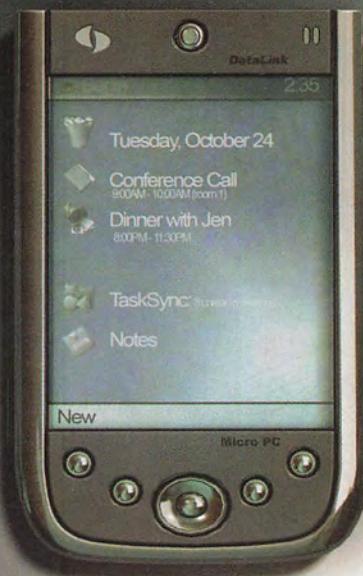
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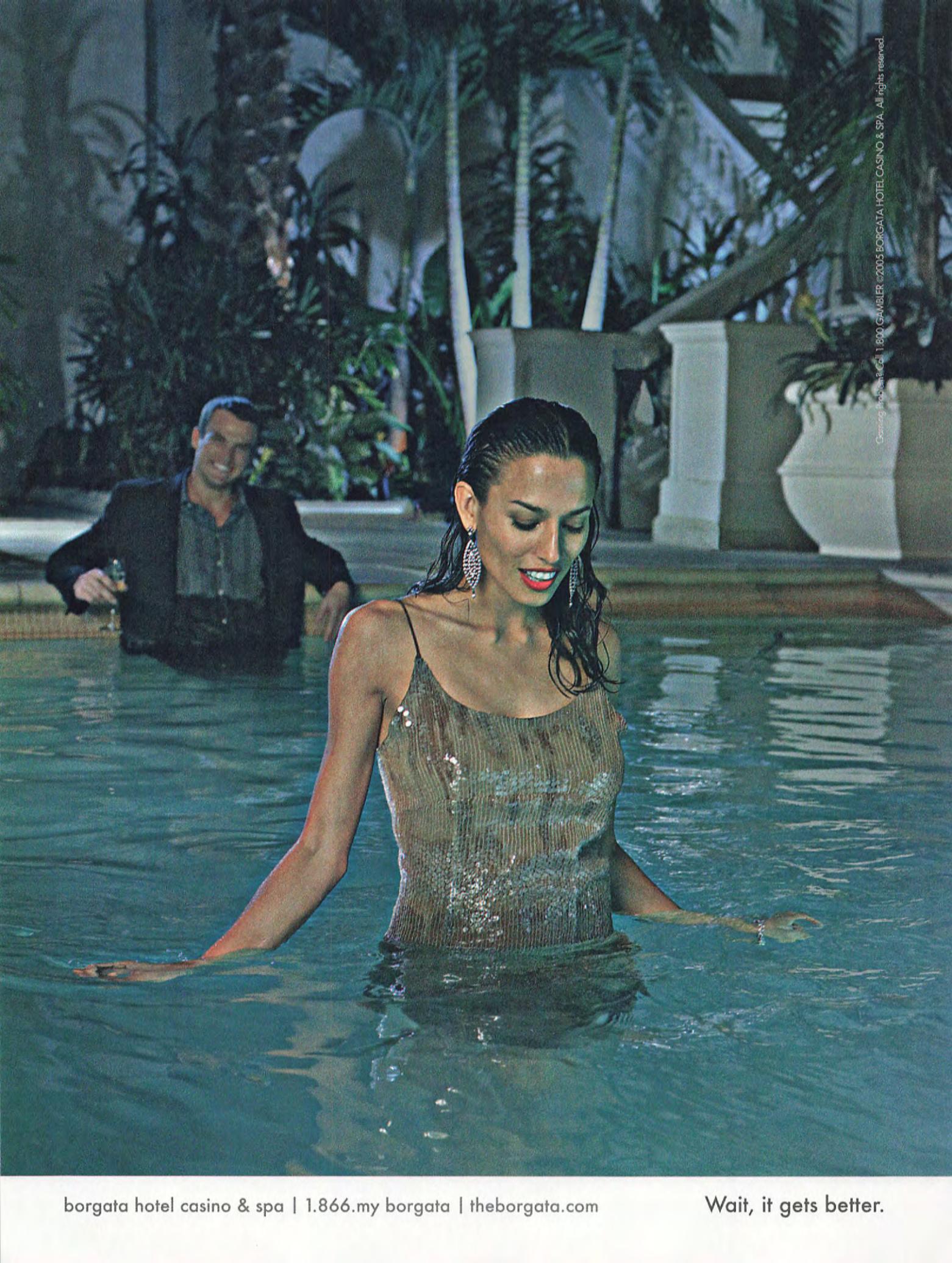
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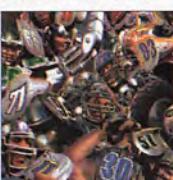
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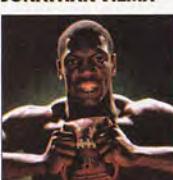
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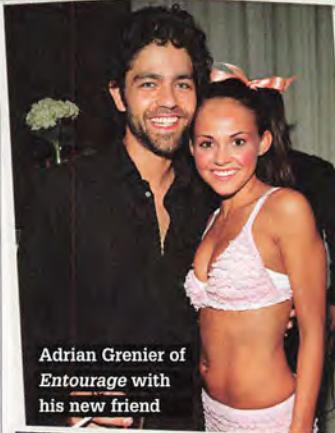
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Of the many words known to *Maxim*, "casino" is right up there with the greats—six little letters bursting with promise. That promise was paid in full back in June when *Maxim* motored down the Garden State Parkway to the Borgata in Atlantic City for a weekend of casino-based delights at our joint *Maxim-Borgata All Access* party. I used to go to A.C. to play cards before the Borgata opened two years ago, and I'd often find there was a gap of several decades between me and the next youngest player. I once shared a table with three ancient individuals, one so blind he needed a little flashlight to see the cards, a second who'd had open-heart surgery and carried a mini-defibrillator with him, and a third who trembled so violently he could hardly hold his cards. Since the Borgata came along, however, casinos no longer feel like that place where Grandpa Simpson lives, as you can see for yourself, hopefully without the aid of a flashlight.

Hail Jersey!

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We've been spending some quality time here in Afghanistan with our monkey while enjoying

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the fire base where we're stationed and made us some traditional Afghan "man dresses." After this picture was taken, Sasha pissed all over Skip, helping him smell like the locals.

Steve K
7th SFG (A)
Via e-mail

Thanks for the picture. Does Sasha have a résumé? An editor just quit.



"Where's Ewan McGregorFest?"

FOR YOU



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Model Citizen

During spring semester at college, I donated 28 *Maxim* magazines to our troops overseas. I now request that you guys at *Maxim* send 28 models to my house as compensation for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Mark Kelley
Via e-mail

Sure thing, Mark. Would you like cars, jets, or the train set? The train track has one seriously awesome water tower.

Just the Facts

Each month when my *Maxim* arrives, I am barraged by jokes from my roommates. Apparently, I should be reading something more intellectual. Once I've read my issue, there is always a random fact or article that I can't help but share with others. I've done this so often that anytime I come up with an answer to something, they always ask, "Did you find that in *Maxim*?"

Ryan Irsik
Alexandria, VA

*This issue is full of great tidbits. Tell your roomies the one about the kid from Alexandria, VA who killed all his roommates just after his letter was published in *Maxim*.*

Electra Impulse

Thank you for putting Carmen Electra on the cover for July. She's hotter than summer itself. I nearly had to wrestle my boyfriend to the



So that's what she looks like out of uniform!



ground for the magazine. Usually, I don't mind reading it after he does, but seeing my girl on the cover sent me to the moon. He's now added Carmen to the list of girls he wants to have a threesome with.

Jodie Platz
Kansas City, MO

Sounds like she's in good company—alongside other list-makers like "Anything with a vagina" and "All right, I'll make an exception to the vagina thing this time."

Pulp Fiction

I'm attached to the 1/3 Armored Cavalry Regiment Crazyhorse Troop, Third Platoon. We are deployed in Iraq, and everyone in my troop had an argument regarding oranges. Half the people said that Florida oranges are the best, and the other people claimed California oranges rule. I figured what better way to find the answer than to let *Maxim* readers decide for us. Can you run a survey and help us out?

PFC Wayne Williams
Orange County, CA

Not a problem. We'll call the survey "How Fucking Bored Are Our Troops?" In the meantime, we suggest you invest in a Rubik's cube.

Tub Toys

I love reading *Maxim*, but now that I have a hot tub I was wondering if you guys will ever come out with waterproof pages so I can enjoy all my

favorite things at the same time—girls, beer, and, of course, *Maxim*.

Brian Schafer
Allentown, PA

You forgot the finest of your favorite hot tub indulgences: strawberry Pop-Tarts! Plug that toaster in immediately.

Shattered Dream of the Month

How would I go about pitching a potential story to *Maxim*?

Jake Whitney
Via e-mail

Check the catcher's signs, fondle your nuts, and then let that sucker fly.

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Pickup lines usually get you a punt in the yam bag. Robert Rosello's got him a car and Rachel Perry.

"If you are the Matrix, then I am the One." So said 29-year-old Robert Rosello to video countdown host Rachel Perry. That hunk of sci-fi cheese scored the New Yorker a killer 2006 Pontiac Solstice, handed over

by Rachel Perry herself (No. 49 in our Hot 100, we might add). Much to the chagrin of lesser nerds who struck out with *Battlefield Earth* references, Rosello took the gold in Pontiac and *Maxim's* Hot 100

Best Pickup Line contest. "A cool car and Rachel Perry for a corny pickup line? Sounds like an even trade to me," declared the lucky bastard.

**Fallen Hero**

I was sorry to read about the passing of Col. David Hackworth in your July issue. I first saw "Hack" on cable news in April 2001 commenting on the Chinese bumping of the American surveillance plane. Since then I have read his books and looked forward to his articles in your magazine. His love of the grunt and honest criticism of REMFs [Rear Echelon Mother Fuckers] will be sorely missed.

James Stuart

Evansville, IN

We'll miss Colonel Hackworth as well, James. Not only was he a brutally honest and honorable man, but he was also really good at scaring the shit out of our editorial assistants.

Cheese and Whine

As I was reading the article "Fine Wines" [July], I noticed that the seal on the bottle of Wild Irish Rose had been broken. My guess is that editorial bitch Matt Christensen just had to have a little taste... especially since it goes well with fruit cups. *Fruit!*

Andy Ferns

Via e-mail

It's true Matt has a thing for fruit cups, but you're missing the big picture: He's no longer constipated. You go, girlfriend!

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Don Pitts

Urbana, IL

This just in: Those girls in the 1-900 commercials aren't necessarily the ones answering the phones. You've been warned.

Strip Tip

I'm sure I'm just one of the many strippers writing to you this month, but thanks for letting guys know that it is standard to tip after receiving a lap dance at a strip club. You would be surprised at how many guys forget, or are just plain oblivious.

Cynthia Renae

Via e-mail

Hey, cut us some slack. It's really hard to shove a nickel into a G-string.

**Captain Hook**

I first became hooked on *Maxim* at my job. I used to work for a parcel company, and every month boxes containing *Maxim* magazines would mysteriously pop open. I don't have any idea where those magazines were going, and I don't know how they got in my bedroom. Now that I don't work there anymore, I'm a paying customer.

William

Washington, D.C.

We got hooked on *Maxim* the usual way: We smoked it a few times before moving on to regular intravenous injections.

Choose or Lose

I need some help. My girlfriend actually hates your magazine and wants me to cancel my subscription. Is there some way to camouflage my issues each month or deter my girlfriend from noticing them in the mailbox? Maybe put car or sports photos on the cover or something? It's either *Maxim* or her, and it was a great relationship while it lasted, but *Maxim* will always be my first love.

Art Schouten

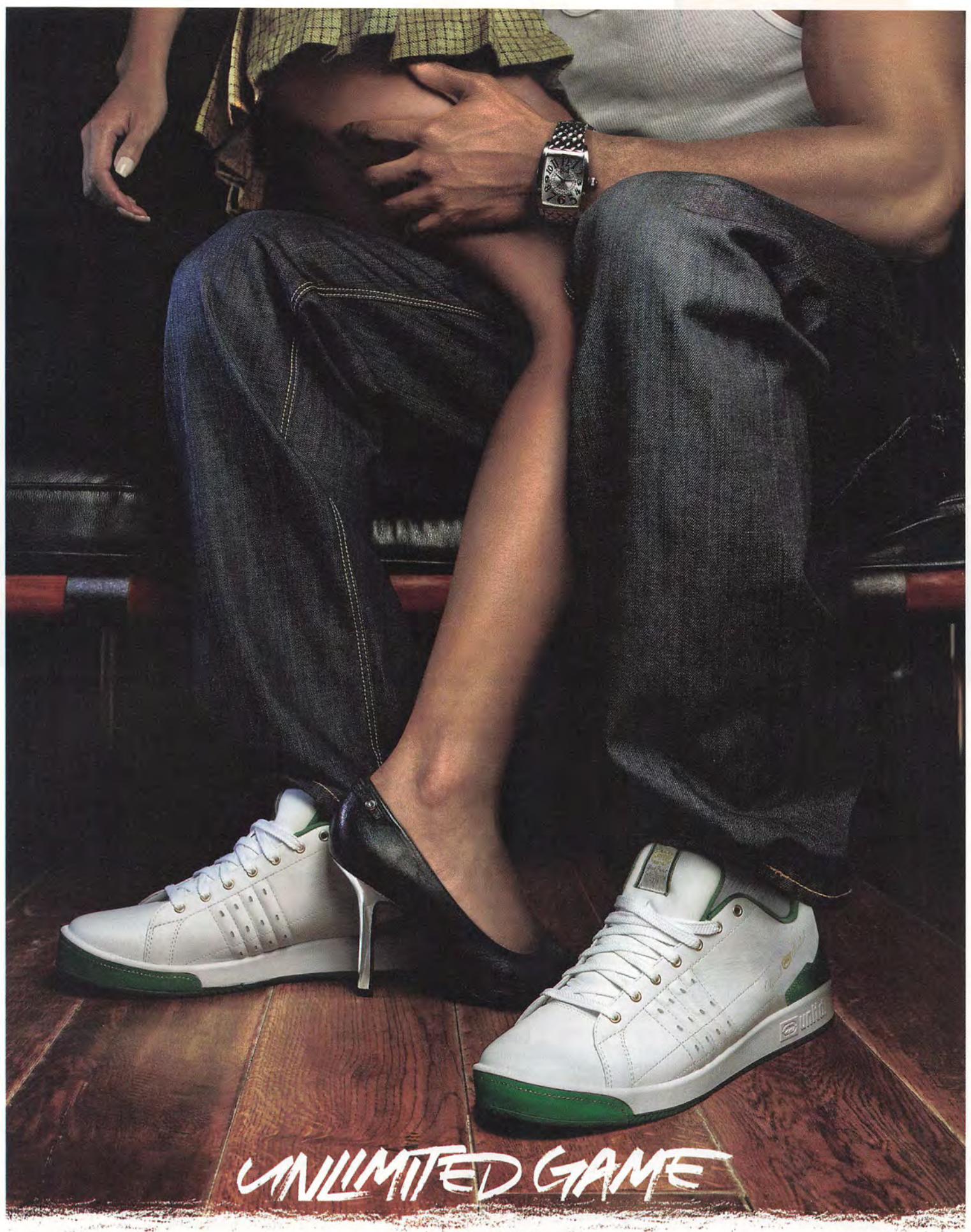
Via e-mail

We appreciate the devotion. And here's hoping the paper cuts heal.

Tipped Off!

I've enjoyed your magazine for years, but your suggestion not to tip auto or motorcycle mechanics ["Tip Anyone," July] pissed me





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Footwear

"Look! I can punch myself in the face with both hands."



SHARE YOUR GIRLFRIEND CONTEST

PHOTO FACE-OFF

The only thing missing from those kinky pictures of your better half is her consent to let us drool over them.



Remember the time your girlfriend made you sit through *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*? Now's the perfect time to pretend you didn't like it and cash in that favor. Get her to rock some sexy duds, set the mood, and snap a pic of your lady at her best. Remember, though, you perv, we want hot but *tasteful* pictures. And, no, that doesn't mean rub the photos with bacon grease before sending (although we're not discouraging such a

ploy). Not only will the winning picture be splashed across the hallowed pages of a future issue, but the model and the photographer will get to share \$1,000 cash and a four-day, three-night stay at the Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel in radical Puerto Rico! All you gotta do is send those sexy snapshots to faceoff@maxim-mag.com. So get something to bribe her, fix the lighting, and get to the clickin' already, slappy.

To see rules and learn more about Maxim's Share Your Girlfriend contest, go to maximonline.com. Why are you still reading this? Go!



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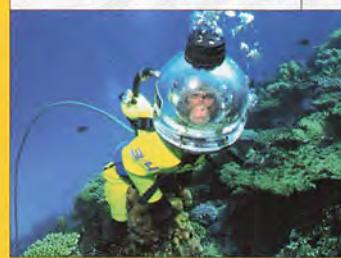
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They say eating paste kills brain cells. We say, *bon appetit*. That's why we need you to send us a chuckleworthy caption that bests our gem. Don't suck and you'll win the Creative Zen Portable Media Center. Store more than 9,000 songs, and gaze at 85 hours of video on the 3.8-inch LCD screen (that's a shit-ton of Bob Saget!). To enter, e-mail caption [@maximmag.com](mailto:caption@maximmag.com).



WIN!

JULY'S WINNER



"Can't anyone hump a coral reef in peace these days?"

—Kevin Grass, Conway, AR

American *Gladiators* struggles desperately to regain viewers



off. I work on Harley Davidsons at a local dealership, and when I get home with busted knuckles, exhaust burns, and swollen hands, it's nice to know a customer appreciates the effort I put into repairing their motorcycle. The dealership makes the money off of labor fees, not the individual mechanic. I'm proud to be a blue-collar worker keeping people safe and happy on the road. I didn't know I was reading a magazine published by snobs.

Eric Sedei
Via e-mail

We'll have you know that we are most decidedly not snobs, and we hold mechanics in every bit the high esteem we do our country club attendants and our polo trainers. Tally ho!

Commie Cuties

I recently observed a *Maxim* billboard near Red Square in Moscow. Moscow is a vibrant yet paradoxical city in which the likes of Britney Spears would be considered average. If you guys are planning on running a feature article on "The Women of Moscow," I would be glad to assist.

John Kosmatka
PSC 77 PAE

The average Russky chick is a pregnant smoker? We're so totally there.



Tease Whiz

There is little doubt that your magazine is consistent in featuring the hottest celebrities. But your magazine is sort of a tease, like a virgin stripper who displays the goods but nobody knows if they work. Ever consider going the distance and featuring a section or two showing naughty body parts, whether of willing celebrities or hometown hotties? Then you'd have the best articles and pictorials.

Adam Green
Via e-mail

News flash, Adam: That stripper isn't really a virgin. Also, Shaquille O'Neal is not a genie, despite what you may have observed in the movie *Kazaam*.

Indian Bummer

After reading your article "Screwed Heroes" [July], I was disappointed that I didn't see anything regarding the Navajo Code Talkers of WWII. These men saved a lot of lives because the enemy could never break their code. Even during the Super Bowl halftime show, they were not represented. They deserve our respect for what they did during the war.

Chris Begay (Navajo)
Tolani Lake, AZ

You're right—those heroes deserve our salute. And don't forget the greatest injustice they've truly suffered thus far: a film starring Nicolas Cage. Oh, the humanity! ☐



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LAUGH, STUPID!

STAND-UP SPOTLIGHT

AZIZ ANSARI

Foreigners and body parts don't mix.

I didn't find out I was Muslim till I was 11. I was at a friend's house and my mom called. She said, "Aziz, what are you up to?"

"Just chillin', eatin' some bacon."

She's like, "Aziz! Bacon is pork! We're Muslims! We're not supposed to eat pork!" I was like, "Well, double-check the Koran, Mom. This stuff is the shit!"

I did a great interview with a Web site recently, but the first sentence from the article was: "Aziz Ansari looks like the nerdy kid you went to high school with, and he doesn't do too much to negate that image once he takes the stage."

What am I supposed to do, exactly? I doubt you'd see an article that begins, "Aziz Ansari looks like the nerdy kid you went to high school with, but once he takes the stage, he scores a game-winning touchdown, then finger bangs the prom queen in the back of his Camaro!"

This guy recently told me he was moving from the Philippines to Alabama to become a doctor. I said, "Out of all the places in America, why Alabama?"

He said, "I don't have my green card yet, so if I move to a place that's underserved like Alabama, they'll give me a J-1 waiver."

That's a weird deal. The government is like, "Yeah, you can come to the U.S. But you gotta go to Alabama."

It's kind of like your girlfriend going, "Yeah, I'll get naked, but you can only look at my left elbow. And my left elbow hates people from foreign countries."

Visit azizisbored.com, and catch him at the Bumbershoot festival in Seattle, September 2–5, and every Monday night at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in New York City.



Ansari: Bacon's not just for Christians anymore

Q: What does a blonde say after multiple orgasms?
A: "So you all play for the same team?"



ADVENTURES OF THE WIDOWER



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Got It Licked

A medieval knight dreams of nuzzling the queen's breasts and tells his friend, the royal physician. The physician explains that he can make that happen, but it will cost the knight \$1,000. The knight agrees.

The next day, the physician pours itching powder into the queen's bra. She comes to him for help, and he tells her that the only cure is the knight's saliva. The physician slips the antidote into the knight's mouth, and he

spends hours licking the queen's chest.

Afterward, the physician asks the knight for his payment, but the knight refuses. A day later, the knight gets word that the king would like to see him.

"What did you tell the king?" the knight asks the doctor upon arriving at the castle.

"Nothing about you and the queen," the physician says. "Just that I knew how he could soothe a rash on his balls."

—Michael Hafer, Telluride, CO

Bird Seed

An old man is sitting on a bench at the mall when a kid with a Mohawk dyed green, red, and yellow sits next to him. The old man turns to look at him and just stares.

"What's the matter, Gramps?" the kid asks. "Never done anything wild in your life?"

"Sure have," replies the old guy. "Screwed a peacock once years ago. I was just wondering if you were my son."

Thumbs Down

Q: Did you hear about the guy who had to get a penis transplant?

A: His hand rejected it.

Take the Heat

A cop parked outside a bar sees a man stumble out of the door, then trip and fall. He brushes himself off and wanders through the parking lot. Then the guy tries his key in five different cars until he finds the right one. He slowly gets in and drives away.

The cop pulls him over immediately and makes him take a Breathalyzer test. He gets a reading of 0.0.

"This thing must be busted," says the officer.

"Nah, it's fine," the guy says. "Tonight, I'm the designated decoy."

Money Shot

A taxi driver stops at a red light when a person suddenly jumps into the cab and tells him to go to the nearest hotel. The cabby looks in his mirror and sees a naked woman.

"What are you looking at?" she demands.

"I noticed you're completely naked," replies the cabby. "How are you going to pay?"

The woman spreads her legs and asks, "Will this cover it?"

The driver says, "Got anything smaller?"



Read hundreds of jokes and submit some of your own at maximonline.com.

A color photograph of a young man and woman laughing joyfully on a beach. The man, shirtless and wearing a necklace, has his arm around the woman. She is wearing a green bikini and has her head tilted back, eyes closed, and mouth wide open in a hearty laugh. In the background, other beachgoers are visible under a clear blue sky.

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THE BIG PICTURE

GREAT FALL OF CHINA!

The media called it China's number one blast. We give it a 1.5 at best.

"Dammit—I think I left the oven on."

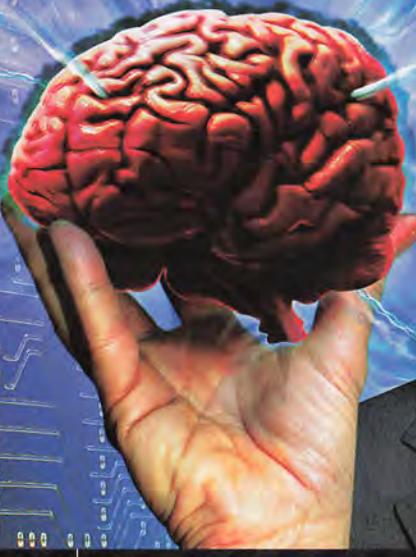


Welcome to the city of Shenzhen, chubby Western round-eye. Located in the Guangdong province of South China, this vibrant metropolis is a perfect example of the country's dramatic lurch from the Third World to a developing nation with stunning modern cities. What fuels this burgeoning economic powerhouse? A Communist government that longs for international prestige and a hard-working populace devoid of any rights sure help.

And nowhere is Red China's commitment to overachieving as visible as here in Shenzhen. It doesn't just blow up a building here or there. Instead, it demolishes entire neighborhoods to make room for gigantic hive-cities of superproductive 10-year-olds hunched over rusty tennis shoe sewing machines, diligently pumping out footwear for our lazy American feet. Or something like that.

But we're not complaining. (At least we're not eternally threatened Taiwanese.) So what if China wants to buy U.S. oil companies and make loads of yuan by lending us money for our wars? Our future masters have that delicious MSG-tinged food!





"I told Hawking to stop hitting on my girlfriend."

► 5 QUESTIONS

BRAIN SCANNER

British futurologist Ian Pearson expects computer copies of our brains by 2050. Next stop, Skynet!

First off, what the hell's a "futurologist"?

I track technology developments, figure out where it's all going next, then how it will affect business and society. I've been doing it full-time for about 14 years.

And you think that by 2050, we'll have computer copies of our brains?

Sure. People are already doing research into putting electronics inside people's bodies. We already have concept work on "Ecto Skin," where electronics that can pick up and send impulses to neurons are printed onto the skin. If you're talking about *Total Recall* technology, that's only 15 to 20 years away, at most. By 2030 we can start making crude interfaces to the brain. And given a couple decades of development, we could have a copy of your brain.

'Total Recall technology is only 15 to 20 years away, at most.'

What would we do with a silicon brain?

Well, if your brain dies because you died, it's no big deal. Now you have a backup that you can use in an android. It's electronic immortality. **What's another technology you want to see happen by 2050?**

I'd love to have a worldwide network of computers linking everyone together. We can all share thoughts directly; we don't need to talk to each other.

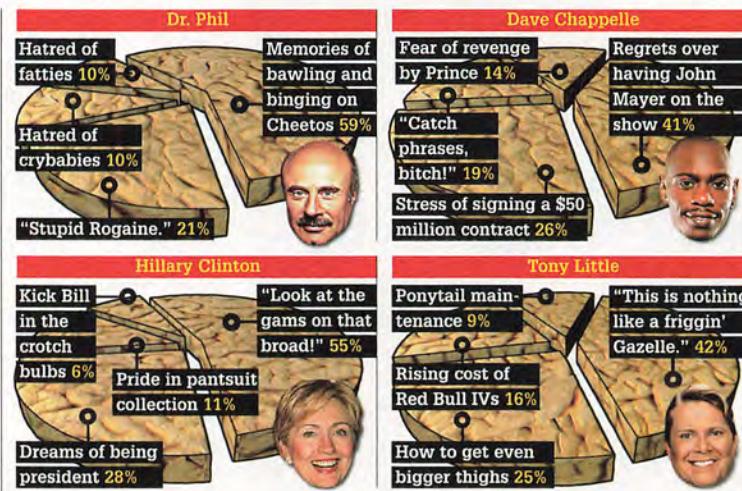
So, a real-life Matrix?

Yeah. But this is much more powerful. Of course, with this, you could hack into somebody else. If I fancy your girl, all I have to do is sleep with her and hack into you. You probably wouldn't like that. **You'd be surprised.**

► PSEUDO PSYCHOLOGY

HEAD CASES

A pie-chart-enhanced virtual peek inside the minds of four birdbrains.



Sure to be a hit with anorexics on the go

cular to the curb, while a mere 39 inches of width means it can weave between lanes during traffic jams like those punks on street bikes. Despite looking more awkward than a fat kid in a bumper car, the fighter-jet-style two-seater corners like a champ because two thirds of its 3,000-pound curb weight sits less than 11 inches off the ground. Both rear wheels get their

miles of electric mayhem. The Tango T600 comes in kit car form (minor assembly required) and costs \$85,000. Smug self-satisfaction sold separately. (commutercars.com)



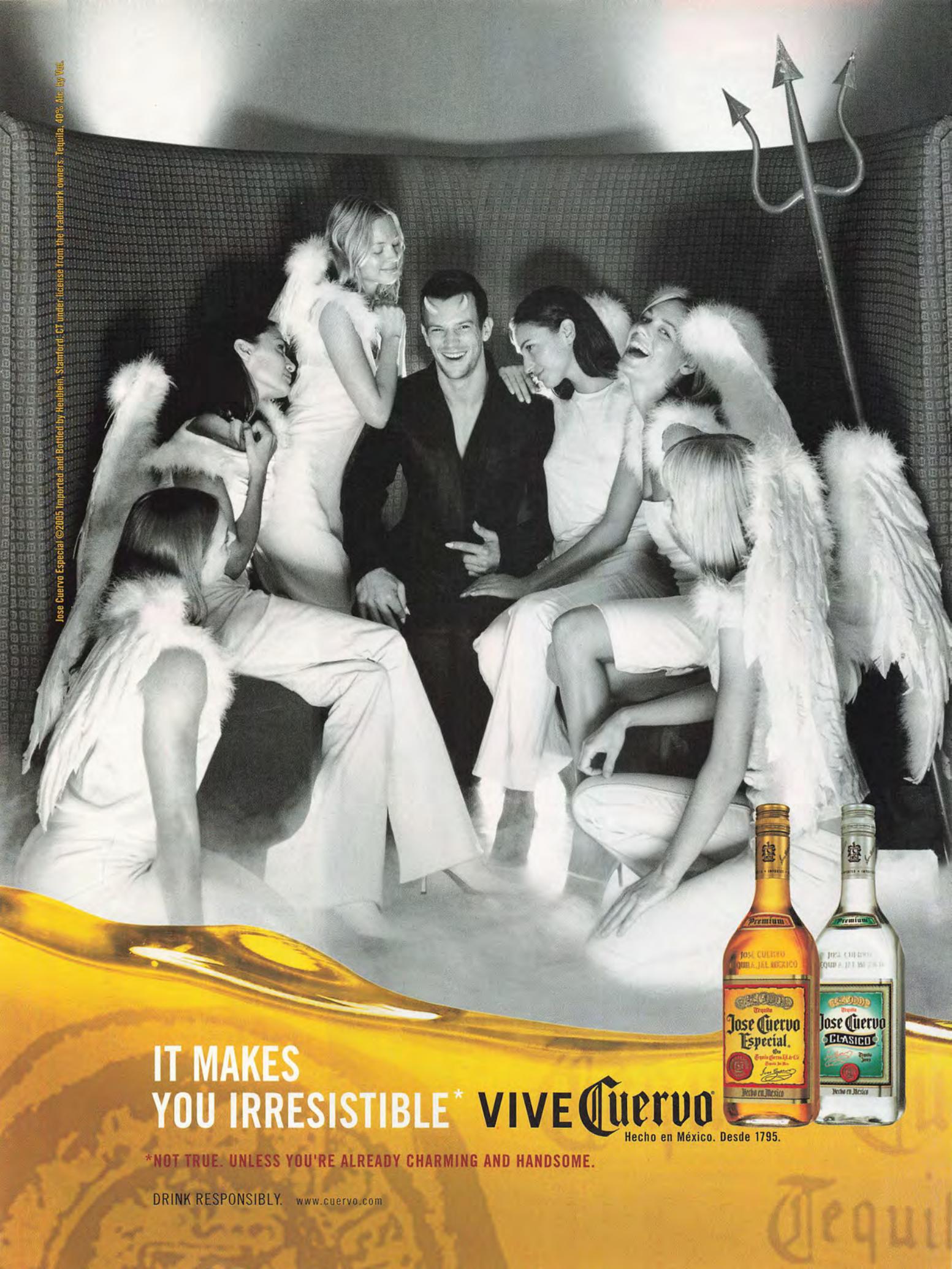
"That backseat is perfect for masturbation," mused Bob.

► HIGH CONCEPTS

SLIM FAST

Traffic's not a problem with a car you could drive on the sidewalk.

Finally, a vehicle for the eco-conscious driver who demands both sports-car performance and clown-car styling. Bryan Woodbury of Commuter Cars developed the all-electric Tango T600 to deal with Los Angeles' constant congestion. At less than 8.5 feet long, it can park perpendicular

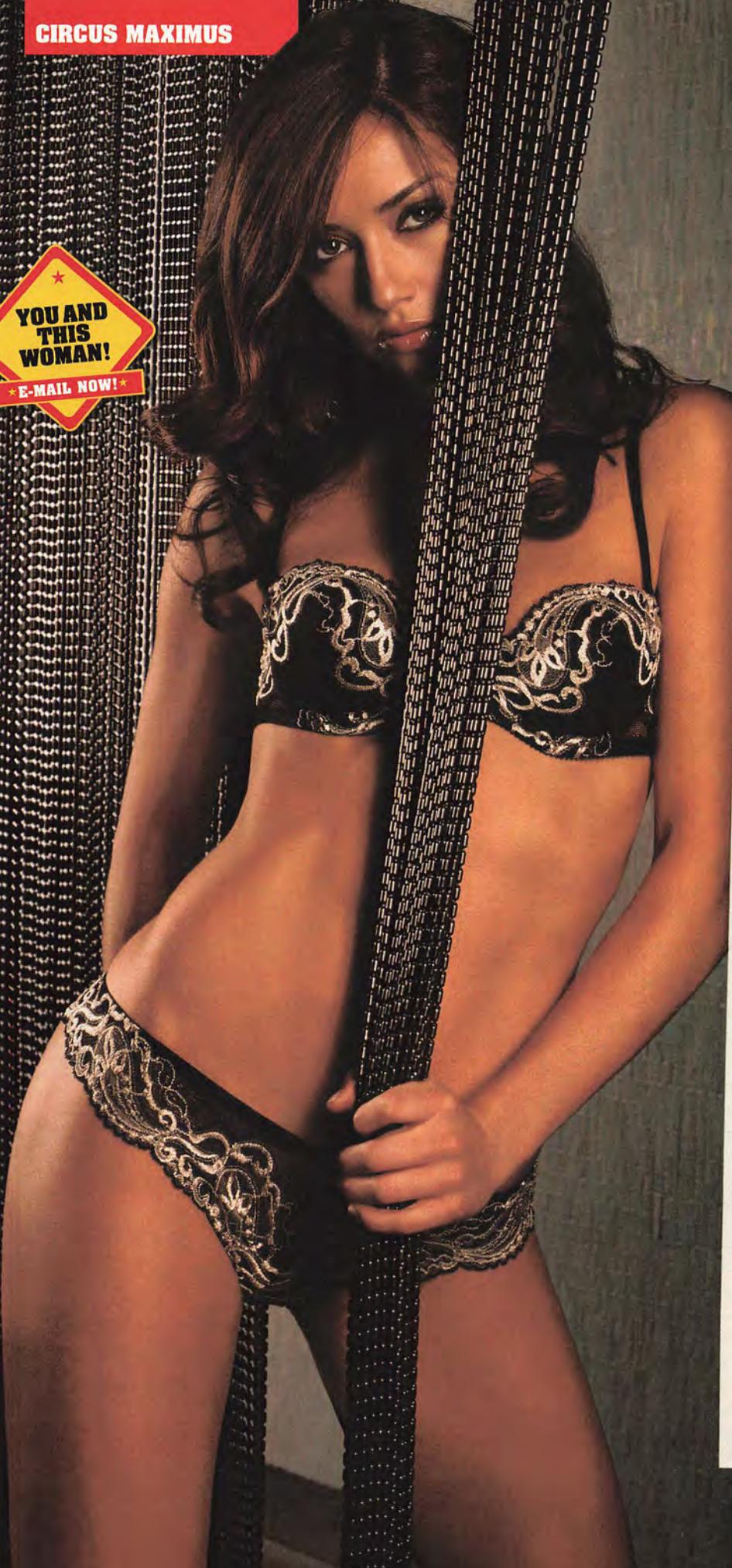


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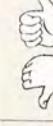
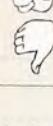
DUMP YOUR GIRLFRIEND **FOR ME!**

This single, hot female says she's better than your girl. That true?

Name: Alhia, 26

Location: New York City, NY

Why she's single: "I haven't had a boyfriend in two years. But the last guy I was with didn't have the same set of values as I do. We got into this big fight, and he started screaming. I'm more of a pacifist. I like to talk things out."

ALHIA'S OFFERINGS	YOUR GIRL
SHE'LL CLEAN! "I always keep my place neat, and I'll clean up my guy's for him, too."	 
SHE'LL REBOOT! "I'm really into gadgets and computers. I'll fix them for friends whenever they have problems."	 
SHE'LL COOK! "I love to cook. And about once a week, I like to make dinner in my lingerie."	 
SHE'LL TREAT! "I won't take advantage of a guy by making him pay for everything. I like to treat my man. I like to give presents."	 
SHE'LL PURR! "I purr during sex. It's just a whole feel-good thing I do."	 
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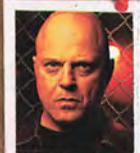
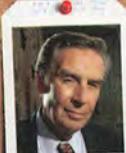
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THE USUAL SUSPECTS

It's a shootout to decide who's the greatest TV cop of all time. You have the right to your own opinions, but isn't it easier this way?

ROUND 1

**LENNIE BRISCOE**

Smart-ass detective inhales joe, spits out snarky comebacks.

JOE FRIDAY

Dagagnet's deadpan, by-the-book Boy Scout killjoy.

VIC MACKEY

Unethical loose cannon with a *Kojak* 'do and a bad attitude.

KOJAK

Lollipop-sucking dandy with gun. He loves ya, baby. (Not in that way.)

TOM HANSON

Pretty-boy cop turned undercover teen for police zit squad.

SONNY CROCKETT

Chased crooks in cigarette boat sans socks.

T.J. HOOKER

No one could roll over the hood of a car like fat Kirk.

SETH BULLOCK

Deadwood's reluctant sheriff has a "Howdy, I'm crazy" stare.

ROUND 2

Friday wants "just the facts," but L-dog tongue-smacks him while slapping on cuffs.



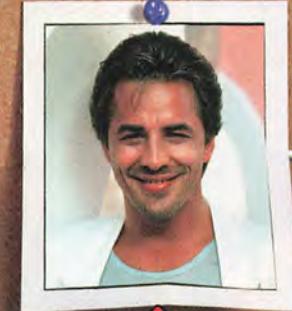
Kojak was pimp once, but mad dog Vic would chew the smirk off his egg head.

Crockett's life: bikinis, beach, mojitos with a twist of justice. Tom's: phys. ed.

It's machine guns versus six-shooters as Bullock learns the law in *Scarface's* hood.

T.J. is old-school NYPD, but Bullock is older-school and hangs T.J. from a tree.

ROUND 3



Baby's daddy is no match for *The Shield's* hothead, who puts the good cop in the corner.

SEMIFINAL

While angst-filled Vic pauses to brood, perma-cool Crockett stylishly squirts lead, natch. Meanwhile, Ponch and Wiggum clash—it's cartoon cop vs. cartoon cop. Ponch doesn't stand a chance—Wiggum is drawn better.

FINALS: WIGGUM VS. CROCKETT

We just don't trust pretty-boy cops with slim waistlines that don't absorb donut lard. And while Miami is sexy, is there any place safer than Springfield, U.S.A.? Sorry, Crockett.

Top Cop! Wiggum!



FINAL ROUND



L.A. is a long, long way from *Hazzard*, and Rosco is no match for Ponch's, um, Ponchness.



Columbo's screwed. Wiggum doesn't know any laws. Therefore he is above them.

ROUND 3

Ponch turns on his Latino heat to melt Sipowicz and his oft-seen pasty ass.



With easy access to ham hocks, Coltrane quickly distracts McGruff with McGrub.

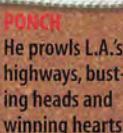
Fancy kicks and punches can't beat being shot in the back. Wiggum wins.



Columbo's intellect blows Barbrady's mind; he immediately implodes.

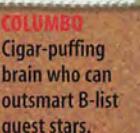
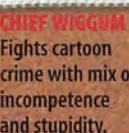
ROUND 1

Andy Sipowicz Chubby, rat-faced NYPD cop with severe emotional problems.



A bumbling deputy who loves cutoff jeans.

"Cord" Walker Cowboy hats and kung fu unite to form a cop with a carpet beard.



Officer Barbrady One-man South Park police department.



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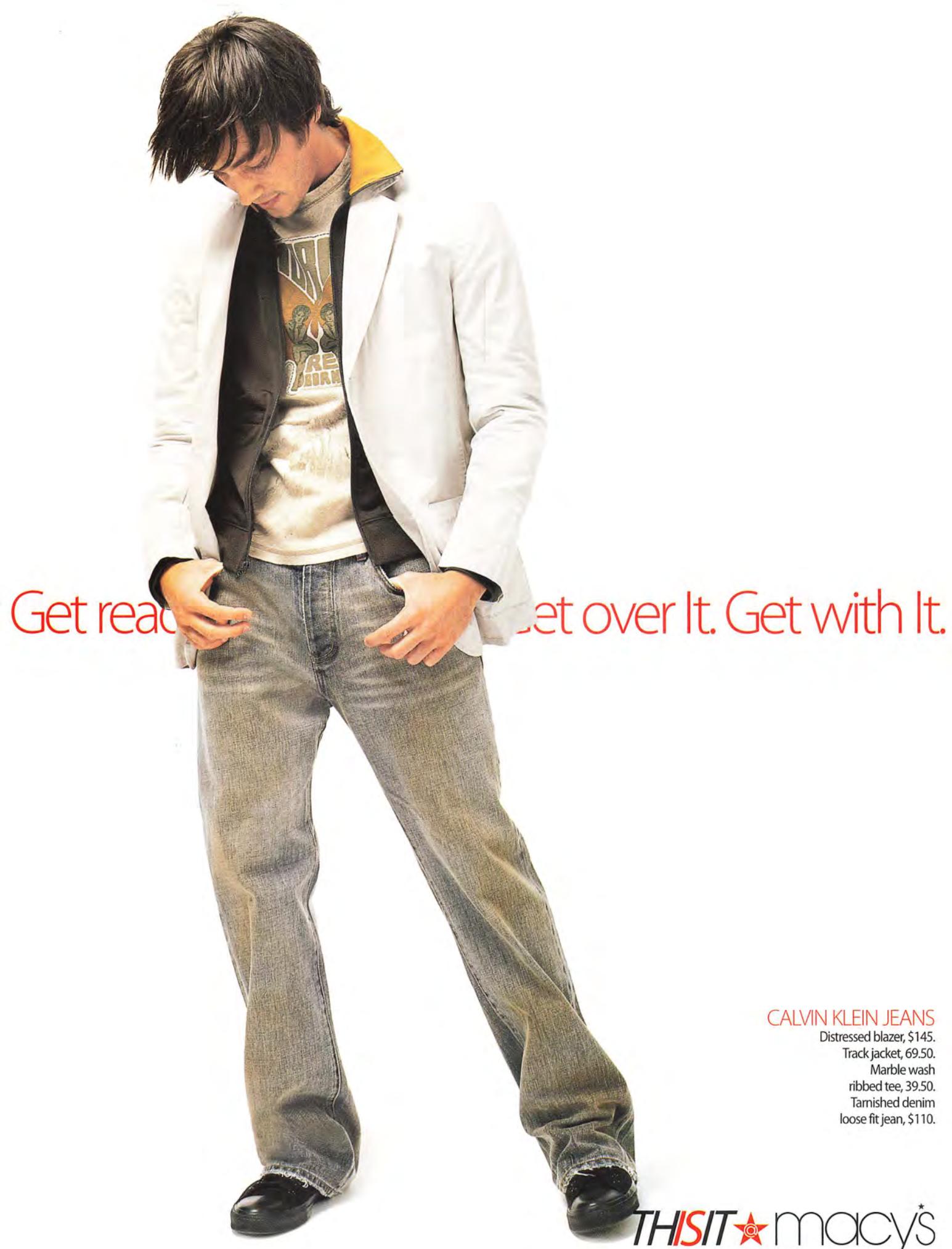
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BUFFALO

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MAVI

(Left) Low rise boot cut
jean, \$88. (Right) Low rise
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FIVE STAR VINTAGE

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LE TIGRE

(Right) Solid tipped
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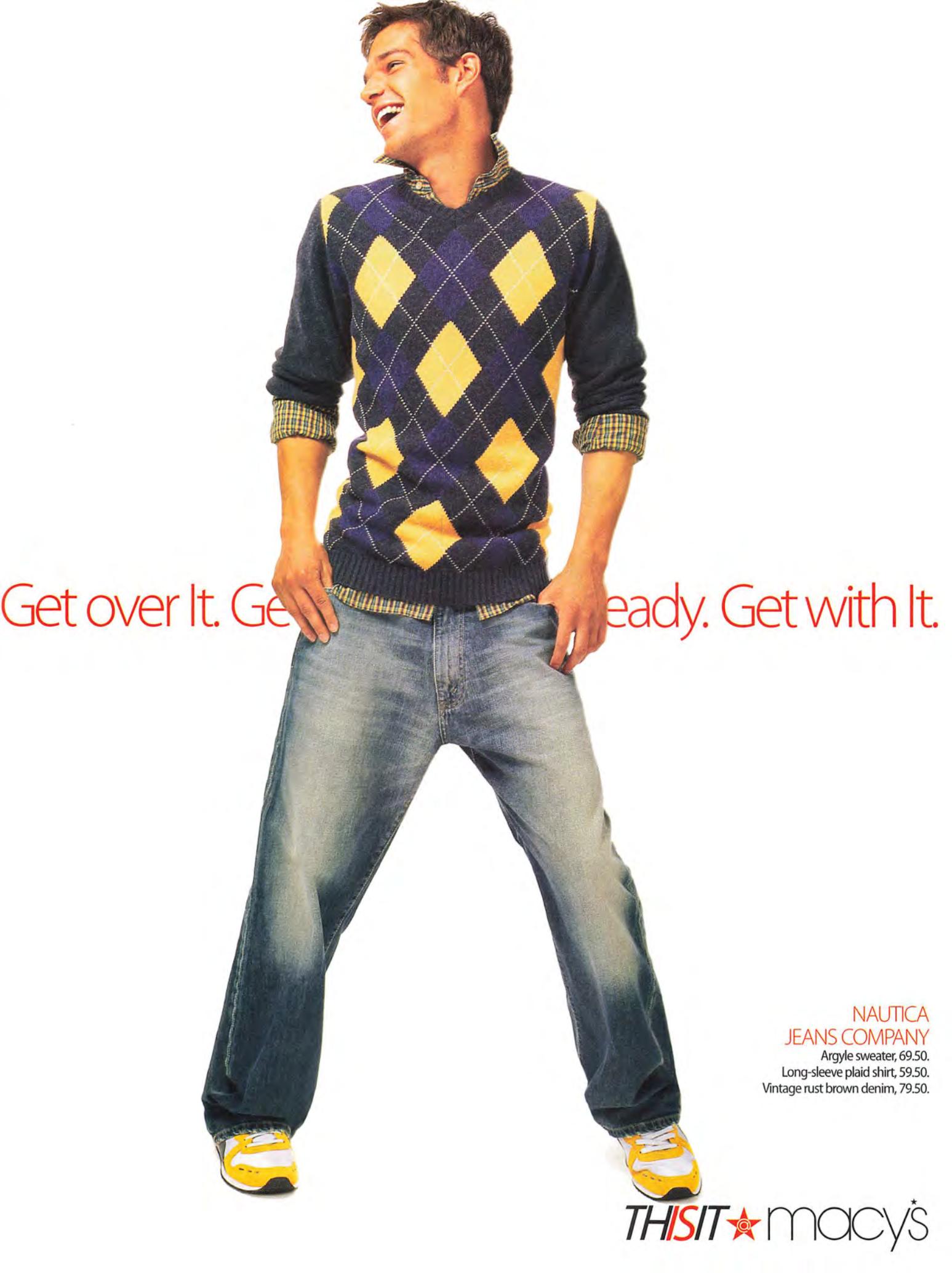


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SEAN JOHN

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SPA OFFERS BEER BATH

Austria A holiday resort lets guests swim in a pool filled with 42,000 pints of suds. The Starkenberger Beer Myth Resort, located on the grounds of the Starkenberger Castle in Tyrol, filled seven 13-foot-long pools with *Biergelager*—what's left after beer is brewed—and charges patrons \$166 to rent one for the night. The hotel claims the beer baths help heal various skin diseases. It also cautions swimmers against chugging the brew, but says nothing of its abilities as an aphrodisiac.

> WORLD EVENTS

THOSE WACKY FOREIGNERS!

This is what happens when countries don't know how to barbecue.



STREET-FIGHTING MONKS PASS ON PEACE

Thailand Five Buddhist monks were booted from their monastery and fined after scrapping with rivals from a nearby temple. The competing monks swore at one another and flipped each other off from opposite sides of Nong Khai road while collecting donations—an event practiced for years before the rivalry turned ugly. All the Zen ass-kickers, ranging in age from 15 to 28, were fined \$25 by police then stripped of their monkhood by elders. The downside? They'll never learn how to fly. But at least they'll now be able to wear pants.



PARLIAMENT SAYS VANDALISM IS MONKEY BUSINESS

India A government minister hired a langur monkey as protection against feral chimps that keep trashing his office. M. A. A. Fatmi, the Indian Minister for Human Resources, expects the leaf-eating primate to keep out other knuckle-draggers, while a professional monkey catcher cages any that manage to slip by. Four additional langur monkeys and two more catchers, a crack team known as the "Langur Force," are also employed in parliamentary buildings in New Delhi. Action figures with "opposable-thumb grip" are due Christmas.



MAN DOESN'T GET LUCKY WHILE PARTYING

Germany A man mugged inside a nightclub was robbed twice more before police arrived. Three thieves made off with the wallet and cell phone of Reiner Hamer, a 27-year-old from Oberhausen, when they attacked him in the john. Hamer called the police but was then mugged again by three other men who relieved him of his watch and cigarettes. As he tried to pull himself together, five men persuaded him to give up his jacket and pocket change. Anyone else wishing to mug Hamer should meet at Bruno's Biergarten next Tuesday at 10 P.M.

> 20-20 HINDSIGHT

HOW DISAPPOINTING

You didn't do it, but you should have...



Just kept walking past the morbidly depressed receptionist.

Had the doctor examine that lump.

Finished law, medical, or trucking school.

Told the stewardess, "Why, yes, I am in a rock band."



Bought the dog food that "makes its own gravy."

Punched "Big Junior" in the talk-hole on your first day in the joint, rather than grinning like a chimp and offering him your fruit cup.

Fled to the bar after that fight with your girl, before she locked herself in the bedroom, forcing you to call out feebly, "Honey, you OK?"



Worn a condom while in Mexico.

Deleted your ex's number from your cell before you got blitzed...and lonely.

Mooned your boss after getting fired.

Asked for extra ketchup packets.

Bought more food, fewer lotto tickets.

Kept your stupid mouth shut.

Killed those leprechauns with that shovel.



Ordered two brews from the stadium beer guy rather than just one.



> FUN FACT!

It takes about 350 squirts from a cow's teat to make a gallon of milk. Less if you talk really dirty.

> SEEMS WRONG SOMEHOW

FOUND PORN

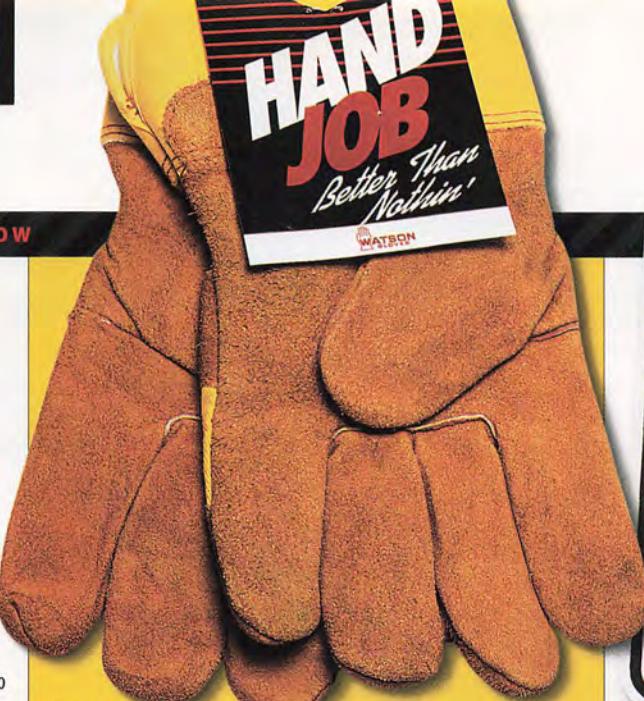
Somebody actually thought this stuff was innocent.



▲ RUNNER-UP

This gives a whole new meaning to the term "melon baller."

—Kelly Martin,
Yakima, WA



▲ THE \$150 WINNER

During chilly autumn nights in the bunks, cowboys would slip on their work gloves and release some tension. They called it "ranch hands."

—Paul Roetman, Coquitlam, British Columbia

DANGER



CATORS CANNOT BE TAMED AND FEEDING THEM CAN RESULT IN THEM MISTAKING A HAND FOR A HANDOUT FLORIDA LAW PROHIBITS THE FEEDING OR MOLESTING OF ALLIGATORS!!

▲ RUNNER-UP

It's just not worth the trouble—alligators are absolutely horrible at keeping secrets.

—John Whalen, Safety Harbor, FL



▲ RUNNER-UP

These warnings wouldn't be necessary if the machinery didn't always dress so sexy.

—Steve Rogers, Dartmouth, MA



▲ RUNNER-UP

Betty Jo would do whatever was needed in order to close a deal. Sometimes she closed five or six deals at a time.

—Joe Sanders, Worthington, OH

HEY, PERV—SEEN ANY UNINTENTIONAL PORN LATELY?

If it turns us on, we'll send you \$150! Mail your entry to: Found Porn, Maxim, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10018. It's more fun than playing strip bingo with your aunts.



> GUESSING GAMES

WHAT THE HELL IS IT?

Any clue what this pic of a giant tarantula servicing this sexy wixen is for? Guess.

1. A poster for the porno *Attack of the Unselfish Arachnid*

2. An avant garde furniture advertisement

3. A French AIDS awareness campaign

4. A recurring dream that Tobey Maguire keeps having



Answer: 3. This controversial ad was pulled in France—le scandale Photographs, Steve Cohen (Melon), Gloves



WEB BYTES

Learn how to converse with hot Japanese tourist dolts! www.english.com

CIRCUS MAXIMUS

DRIVING STYLE

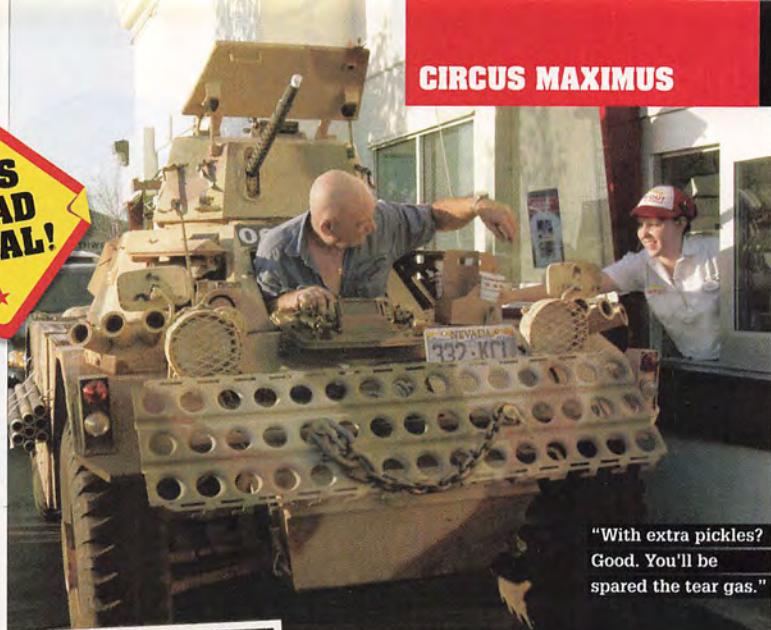
ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW

Calling shotgun in Bill Stojack's daily driver involves less radio management and more reloading magazines.

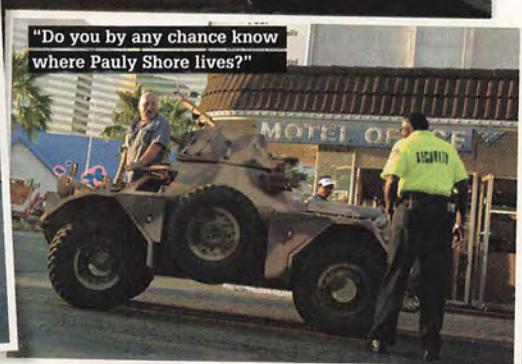
Some people say SUV owners are trying to make up for certain inadequacies by driving excessively large, imposing vehicles. Those people would probably shut their smug faces if they pulled up to Bill Stojack at a stoplight. Mostly because Stojack, a retired firefighter living in Las Vegas, can be found tooling around town in his 1959 Daimler Ferret—a decom-

missioned armored fighting vehicle sporting a functional 30 mm Browning machine gun mounted on its turret. Seen here scaring the special sauce out of a drive-through cashier, Stojack has registered his ride with the DMV and insured it, too, meaning the Ferret's street

legal. Our advice: Be careful who you cut off while driving through Sin City.



"With extra pickles? Good. You'll be spared the tear gas."



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WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS

AMBER'S BEDROOM

This Jersey girl invited us into her love den. Care to join?

LIGHTS OUT

According to Amber, sleep masks aren't just for Xanax-popping socialites anymore. "When you want to get to sleep right away, they're the best." We've found that a bottle of Thunderbird works just as well.



DOG SHOWER

There's a problem with Amber's four-year-old Yorkie, Lakiya—he leaks. "He pees on people," she explains. "And sometimes he pees on other dogs' faces." Yet Amber swears she didn't buy the dog from R. Kelly.



FACE PAINTING

Amber keeps it Victorian-style with her bedside vanity. "I've had one since I was in grade school," she says. Prep time for the sexy 23-year-old? "I could take five minutes, or I could take an hour and a half."



ALLY'S MISS HAWAIIAN TROPIC NEW YORK

SHATTAN,

HELP US HELP YOU!
You send pics of your girl in her bedroom to bedroom@maximmag.com. We'll take care of the rest, babe.

SASH PRIZE

"I was both Miss Hawaiian Tropic of New York and Miss Hooters of Manhattan in 2003," Amber brags. "But after I won those, I was done with pageants." Good call. It's always best to go out while you're on top.

ROLE PLAY

Amber's not afraid to venture off the bed once in a while. "I had sex on my fire escape once," she says. "But all that metal hurt, so it didn't last very long." We know—we couldn't even get the tripod set up.



No one sells
a bedsheets
like Amber

Film fanatic who wants to be the next big thing in movies.

MM-535 with megapixel camera and camcorder



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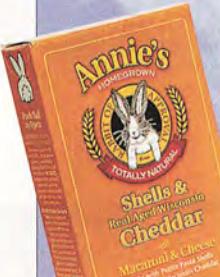


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TORTURE TEST

CHEESE GRADER

To better serve collegiates, we eat mac and cheese like they do. Pass the bong.

**ANNIE'S SHELLS & CHEDDAR \$1.49/7 OZ.**

Prep time: 12 minutes

Straight shot: Annie is a lying whore. Despite claims of "real aged Wisconsin cheddar" on the package, the cheese tastes like every other powdered macaroni blanket. That's not a bad thing, but the hippie pap printed on the box about being eco-conscious means it'll replace that bottle of Metamucil as the most embarrassing thing in your kitchen.

Toked tasting: "Nothing tastes sweeter than this carbohydrate ambrosia, brimming with a liquefied dairy gruel mixed by my own hands!"

Pulling power:

**VELVEETA SHELLS & CHEESE \$2.95/12 OZ.**

Prep time: 10 minutes

Straight shot: This family-size meal comes with a premade packet of cheese sludge that saves time. Problem is, the "original creamy cheese sauce" is too sticky to wash off the pot and saltier than a pirate's junk. But those in a hurry can skip the carb delivery system and just shotgun the adhesive chemical goop.

Toked tasting: "Delicious Day-Glo orange conchs overflowing my bowl! My taste buds sing 'hallelujah' to this Valhalla of savory delights."

Pulling power:

**KRAFT EASY MAC \$3.85/12.9 OZ. (SIX PACKS)**

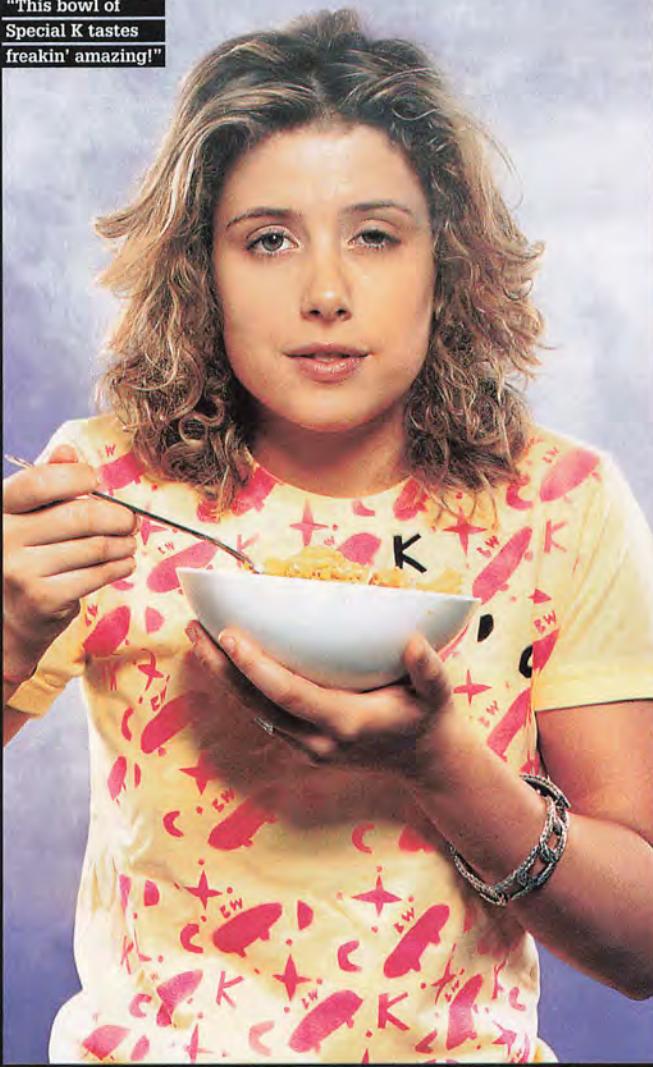
Prep time: 4 minutes

Straight shot: Sure, we needed two of the packs just to make one decent meal, but the Easy's nukeability more than makes up for tiny servings. And while the sauce mix looks watery coming out of the microwave, it truly does "thicken upon standing," as the package claims. That kind of magic, combined with a taste that matches the high-end Annie's, means Easy Mac comes away with top honors.

Toked tasting: "From my glow box comes a piquant wheat pool smoothed in a heavenly facsimile of curdled bovine juice. Munchies, begone!"

Pulling power:

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> DIVIDED WE STAND

FREAK FLAGS

Some Bible-thumper just unfurled this here flag as a substitute for Old Glory. That got us thinking...



THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF HOLLYWOOD

Motto: "Let's do lunch after the herbal colonic."



UNITED FEDERATION OF DORKS

Motto: "Give us cheat codes, Hot Pockets, and 20-sided dice, or give us death."



ONE FOX NEWS NATION UNDER BILL O'REILLY

Motto: "We report. We decide. You comply."

Photographs, Hugh-Aletheia (mac and cheese, girl); illustrations, Paul Wootton



DO NOT STORE NEAR
TOFU OR VEGETABLES

DO NOT POUR IN GAS TANK
TO BOOST PERFORMANCE

Man bails after towing
his surfer pal into the
waves off Tahiti



WATER SAFETY

HAWAII FIVE-AHHHHH!

One man's inept watercraft-piloting skills, presented in stop-motion.

The wave breaks,
sending the ski into
the shallow reef. Brah!

Many thoughts flit
through surfer's head,
like, Du-u-u-de!



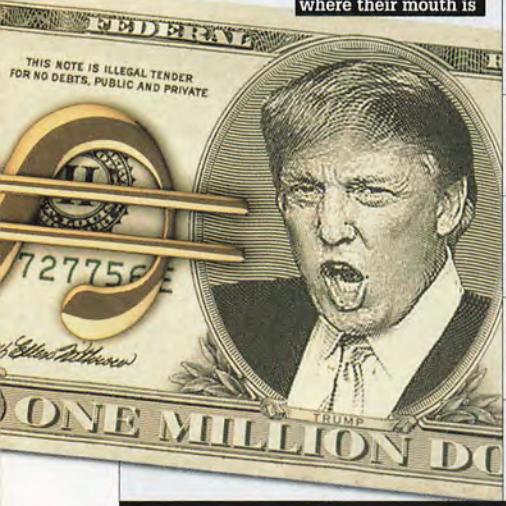
No matter how he
maneuvers, surfer is
screwed...or is he?

TALKING HEADS

SPEECH LEECHES

Talk is cheap, unless you're rich and famous. Then it's expensive.

Putting your money
where their mouth is



Speaker	Fee	Drivel	Speech we'd pay for	Cheap alternative
Rudy Giuliani (former mayor of New York City, GOP superman)	\$100,000	"There are many qualities that make a good leader."	How to Eat at the Olive Garden for Free	A tough-talking palooka with a hunchback
Bill Clinton (former president, cigar aficionado)	up to \$350,000	"Strength and wisdom are not conflicting values."	I Feel Your Pain, but Please Don't Rake With the Chompers	A car salesman who brings his own cocktail umbrellas
Al Franken (liberal talk show host, simian funnyman)	\$50,000	"Wow. It's really great to be here. Reminds me of Minnesota."	Learn to Grate: Vanity, Whining, and Self-Importance	An Ivy League know-it-all with mommy issues
Donald Trump (real estate tycoon; reality TV "star")	up to \$1 million	"I've never seen a success who doesn't love what he does."	Hiring Morons: Why I'll Do Anything for Attention	A slumlord in an expensive suit and a hamster scalp
Lance Armstrong (cancer survivor, threat to French pride)	\$175,000	"I found that I had a lot of growing to do as a man."	Turning Personal Triumph Into Inane Fashion Accessories	Jesus Christ, sans testicle

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HOW TO



FORGIVE ME, FATHER...

SCORE IN CHURCH

The pews are packed with heavenly bodies. God bless you.

1 FIND YOUR FAITH

Macking in a holy place is easier than almost anywhere else—the good girls never see it coming. Plus, “every girl wants to tell her father she met her boyfriend at church and not at a bar,” says God-fearing cutie Erin Howard, 25. Look for progressive sanctuaries that offer “contemporary” services (to attract a younger, hipper crowd) and coffee hours (so you can actually talk, as opposed to just ogling from afar).

2 ENTER THE KINGDOM

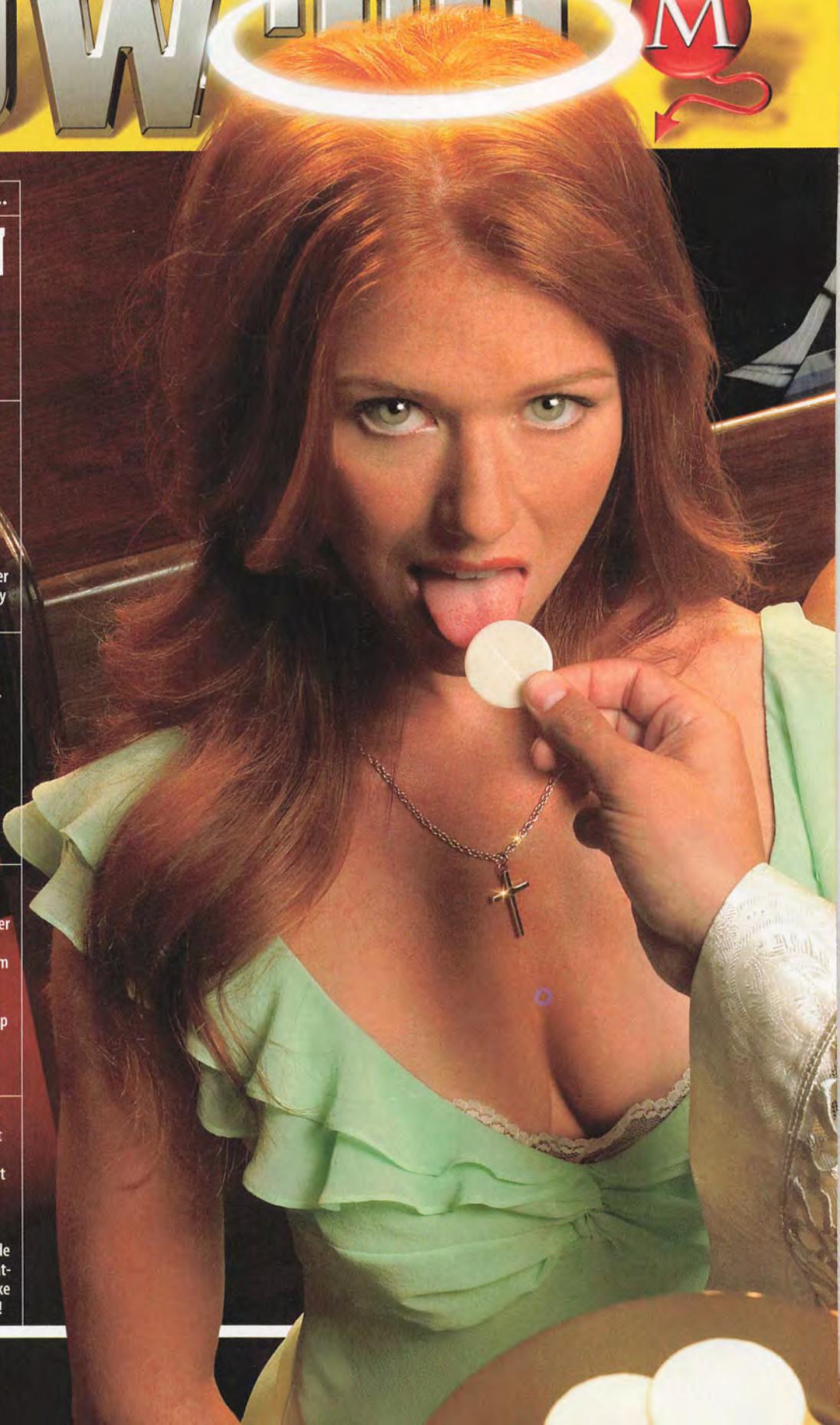
Scope out the finest churchgoer, then snag the pew in front of her. You won’t appear too eager, yet you can make eye contact easily—and shake her hand if there’s a “sharing of the peace.” Avoid making moves mid-service. “You’re in a place of bloody worship; you have to be respectful,” notes Tracey Cox, author of *Superdate*. Instead, listen to the sermon, which’ll give you plenty to talk about later.

3 GET RELIGION

Despite the communion wine, forget your sloppy bar tactics. After the service, just introduce yourself and act genuinely curious about the church. Say, “I’m new here. Are you a regular?” This’ll transition to the coffee hour, where you can quiz her about the service and how she ended up there. If all else fails, say something about looking for a higher meaning in life. She may make it her goal to “convert” you.

4 REACH THE PROMISED LAND

At this point patience is key. “A lot of repressed religious girls are damn hot in bed,” notes Cox. “But you’re not getting a quick shag here.” Provided she’s sending positive signals (e.g., laughing, smiling, not making the sign of the cross), simply tell her you’d love to meet up, outside of church, and ask for her digits. And no matter where it goes from there, try to think like the Browns do: There’s always next Sunday!





"Should I confess again,
Father? I just had
another dirty thought."

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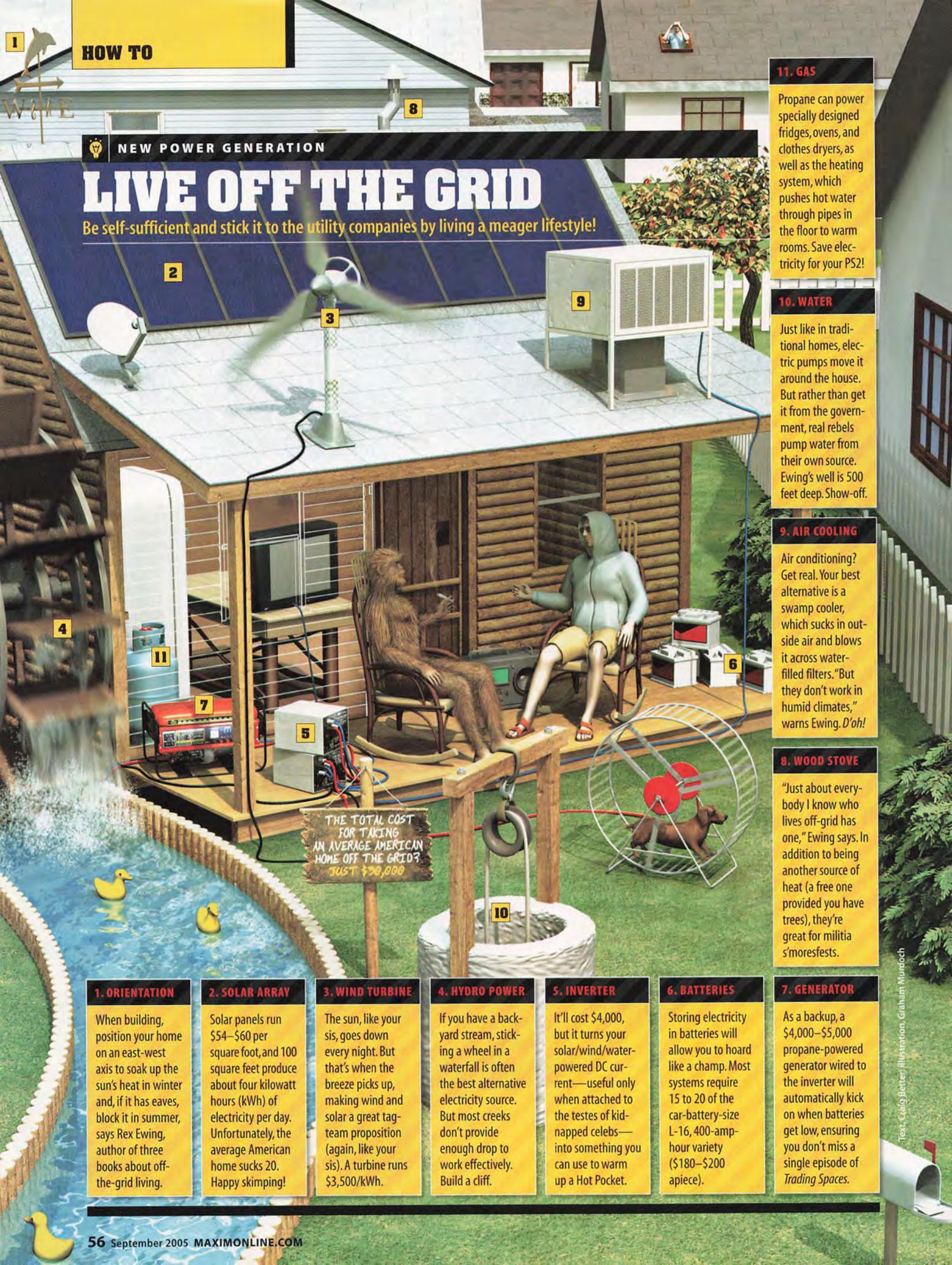


HOW TO

NEW POWER GENERATION

LIVE OFF THE GRID

Be self-sufficient and stick it to the utility companies by living a meager lifestyle!



11. GAS

Propane can power specially designed fridges, ovens, and clothes dryers, as well as the heating system, which pushes hot water through pipes in the floor to warm rooms. Save electricity for your PS2!

10. WATER

Just like in traditional homes, electric pumps move it around the house. But rather than get it from the government, real rebels pump water from their own source. Ewing's well is 500 feet deep. Show-off.

9. AIR COOLING

Air conditioning? Get real. Your best alternative is a swamp cooler, which sucks in outside air and blows it across water-filled filters. "But they don't work in humid climates," warns Ewing. D'oh!

8. WOOD STOVE

"Just about everybody I know who lives off-grid has one," Ewing says. In addition to being another source of heat (a free one provided you have trees), they're great for militia s'moresfests.

1. ORIENTATION

When building, position your home on an east-west axis to soak up the sun's heat in winter and, if it has eaves, block it in summer, says Rex Ewing, author of three books about off-the-grid living.

2. SOLAR ARRAY

Solar panels run \$54–\$60 per square foot, and 100 square feet produce about four kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per day. Unfortunately, the average American home sucks 20. Happy skimping!

3. WIND TURBINE

The sun, like your sis, goes down every night. But that's when the breeze picks up, making wind and solar a great tag-team proposition (again, like your sis). A turbine runs \$3,500/kWh.

4. HYDRO POWER

If you have a backyard stream, sticking a wheel in a waterfall is often the best alternative electricity source. But most creeks don't provide enough drop to work effectively. Build a diff.

5. INVERTER

It'll cost \$4,000, but it turns your solar/wind/water-powered DC current—useful only when attached to the testes of kidnapped celebs—into something you can use to warm up a Hot Pocket.

6. BATTERIES

Storing electricity in batteries will allow you to hoard like a champ. Most systems require 15 to 20 of the car-battery-size L-16, 400-amp-hour variety (\$180–\$200 apiece).

7. GENERATOR

As a backup, a \$4,000–\$5,000 propane-powered generator wired to the inverter will automatically kick on when batteries get low, ensuring you don't miss a single episode of *Trading Spaces*.



CHALLENGE

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THE ENERGY YOU CRAVE

LESSONS FROM LADIES

💡 BEFORE YOU DIE, YOU SEE THE RING

PROPOSE

Make popping the question special.



THE GULLIBLE GIRL

Manipulate her trusting and oblivious nature to surprise her. "I took a trip to New Jersey with my boyfriend, and on the way he got 'lost,'" says Emily, 26. "We wound up in New York City in front of the Plaza. We went in for a bite, and the next thing I know, he knelt and proposed! He'd reserved a suite for us—I never saw it coming."



THE FUN LOVER

With a spontaneous girl, get a little wacky. "Around Christmastime, a man in a Santa suit offered my boyfriend and me a free limo ride," recalls Laura, 24. "In the car he handed us two wrapped boxes—my boyfriend's had the ugliest plastic ornament I've ever seen, but mine was a diamond ring! I immediately said yes."



THE BRAINY BABE

Get clever to make her recall fond memories of you. Both of them. "My boyfriend and I did a crossword, and the clues reminded us of stuff we'd done together, like a trip to Miami and going to baseball games," says Rachel, 23. "When we finished, the master phrase was, 'Will you marry me, Rachel?' He'd designed the whole thing."



She'll whine so much less when you turn out to be a lousy husband.



THE NO-B.S. QUEEN

Plan a simple surprise that doesn't require any pathetic lies. "My boyfriend was a chef, and after making an amazing meal, he gave me a fortune cookie for dessert," says Caroline, 29. "Inside was a ring and the fortune was, 'Will you marry me?' After I said yes, he told me he'd made 46 cookies before he got the right size for the ring."



THE HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Pull out the stops for an insanely dramatic gesture. "My boyfriend is so thoughtful, but he's got a few screws loose," reveals Gina, 26. "He covered my room in lit candles while my friends took me out. My amazement when I got back turned to horror as my curtains caught fire! After he put them out, he dropped to one knee and proposed."



THE HARD-TO-PLEASER

Spend the extra 25—or 1,000—percent. "My boyfriend met me at my door, took me to the airport, and we flew to Paris," explains Erin, 27. "A limousine picked us up and took us directly to the Eiffel Tower. At the top, there was a bouquet of roses with a diamond ring in the middle. Then he asked me to marry him." Yeah, that'll work.

💡 WASHED UP

DO LAUNDRY BETTER

Our own Amelia Parry's tips will keep your threads sharp long after you move out of the basement.



QUICK TIP

GRILL POWER

Bring a grill to the beach? Pour sand on it, then hose it off. Sand absorbs grease so you can move it with no mess.

1 CREASE OUT

Got wrinkles as deep as the ones on Ving Rhames' neck? Dry your clothes on the permanent press cycle and fold immediately, or take them out of the dryer while they're still damp and hang dry. Or steam smooth by hanging 'em on the bathroom door while you take a hot shower. (You do shower, don't you?)

2 CLEAN JERK

The next time your girlfriend makes you drop off her dry cleaning, pocket the dough: You can hand wash many "dry clean only" clothes. Blends with more than 50 percent acrylic should be washed in warm water, then laid flat to dry. For wool, use cold water and dry flat. Then send us your ill-gotten cash.

3 GET YOUR SHRINK ON

Stretch your jeans out at the all-you-can-eat haggis buffet? Shrink your denim back to you-size by washing in hot water and drying on the highest heat setting. And as your drawer full of pink undershirts can attest, washing in hot water makes clothes bleed, so wash bright colors solo. Or just put on five pounds.



LADIES, SHOW US YOUR TIPS! Guys are helpless (we know because Mom keeps telling us). Got your own desperate suggestions for the unrepentant man-children in your life? Send your wise words to girladvice@maximmag.com. We'll put the seat down for ya!

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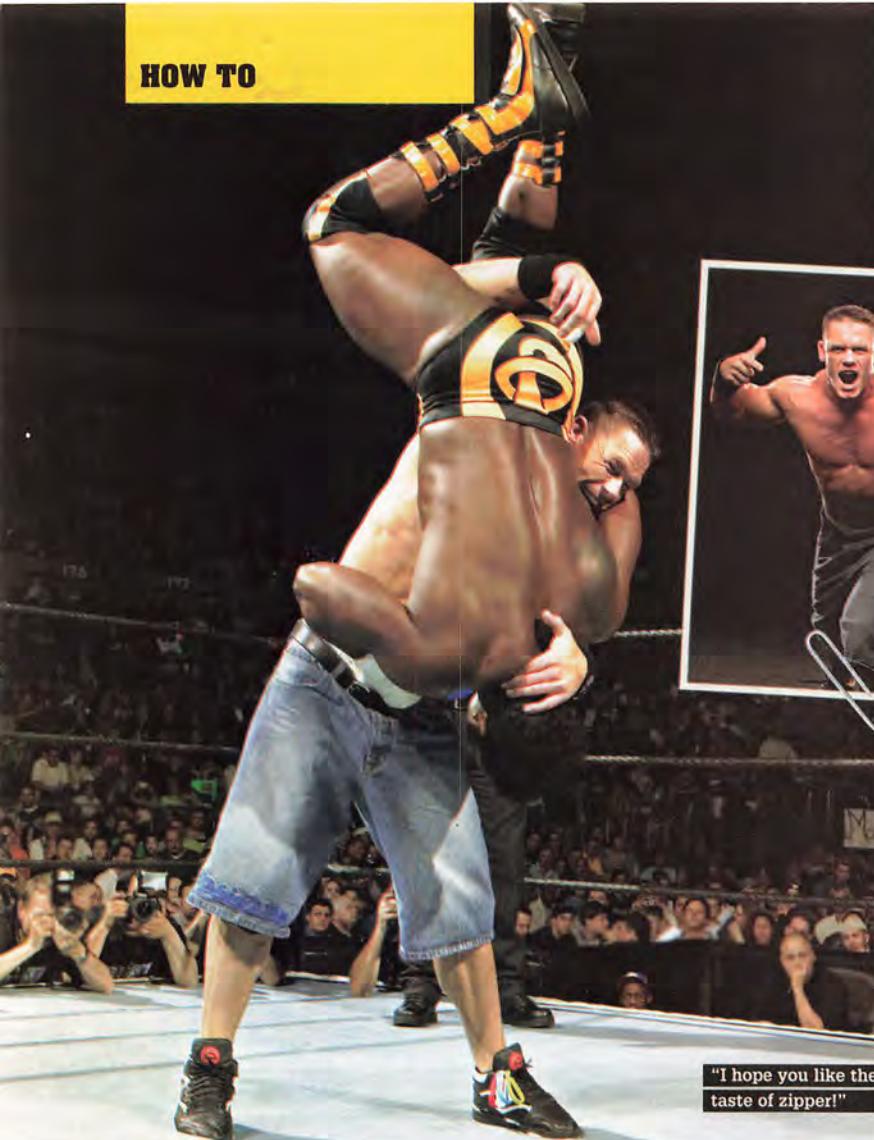


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HOW TO



"I hope you like the taste of zipper!"

 GROPE A DOPE

DO A BODY SLAM

WWE champion John Cena explains how to scoop another man between the legs—and still look like a badass.

**1 SIZE
MATTERS**

"You've got to size up the person you're trying to slam," growls the 6'1", 240-pound Cena, who recently pile-drove the air-waves with his debut rap album, *You Can't See Me*. "If you're a smaller guy, the slam isn't gonna have as much impact. The stronger you are, the harder you can slam the guy. So the short and weak need not apply." Unless, of course, you're wrestling midgets.

2 FIGHT DIRTY

"I suggest raking the eyes, kicking the nuts, and driving your opponent into inanimate objects. Once he's dazed, throw your left hand behind his neck and your right hand between his legs, right under his family basket." Firmly grip his neck and butt, then squat down and heave upward, rotating him so his thigh ends up on your right shoulder—and he's facing the mat in terror.

3 JUST DROP IT

Now for the fun part. "The best way to slam him is to take the hand that's around his neck and jerk it down. At the same time, give his breadbasket a good squeeze to let him know you're there, and push him toward the ground." The combo of pulling down on his neck and shoving his crotch will flip him over onto his back, where, like a good Tri-Delt, he belongs.

4 SLAM
DANCE

"Once you've dropped him, you can do a number of things. If you're in a match, you'll want to go for a pin. But if you're in a street fight, just start talkin' sh!t. Tell him you're the man. You can also insert your own end-zone dance. Bust out the Ickey Shuffle or the You Can't See Me.** As you cut the rug, though, don't forget that you still have to explain away that pesky honer.



QUICK TIP

**PRESERVE YOUR
AX STRINGS**

Take a cloth, put some WD-40 on it, and gently stroke guitar strings to make them last longer without cracking. Rock on!



**Tip: Sell ring.
Discard hand.**

**SECOND HAND
SALE**

3 FIND A MARKET

If you have no gem connections, forget pawning—you'll get as little as 10 percent—and go eBay. Set a high reserve price, tout your rock's insurance appraisal and grading report, check the buyer's history, and use PayPal. With luck, 60 to 100 percent of your failed love cash will soon be invested in cheap hookers.

TRADE UP

Last resort: Offer your jeweler a trade. You may get engaged again, and most jewelers will give you an exact-value trade if you agree to spend 20 percent more on the second ring. Or, if cupid is dead in your heart forever, you can drown your sorrows in \$10,000 worth of trade-value gold chains. Affleck would be proud.

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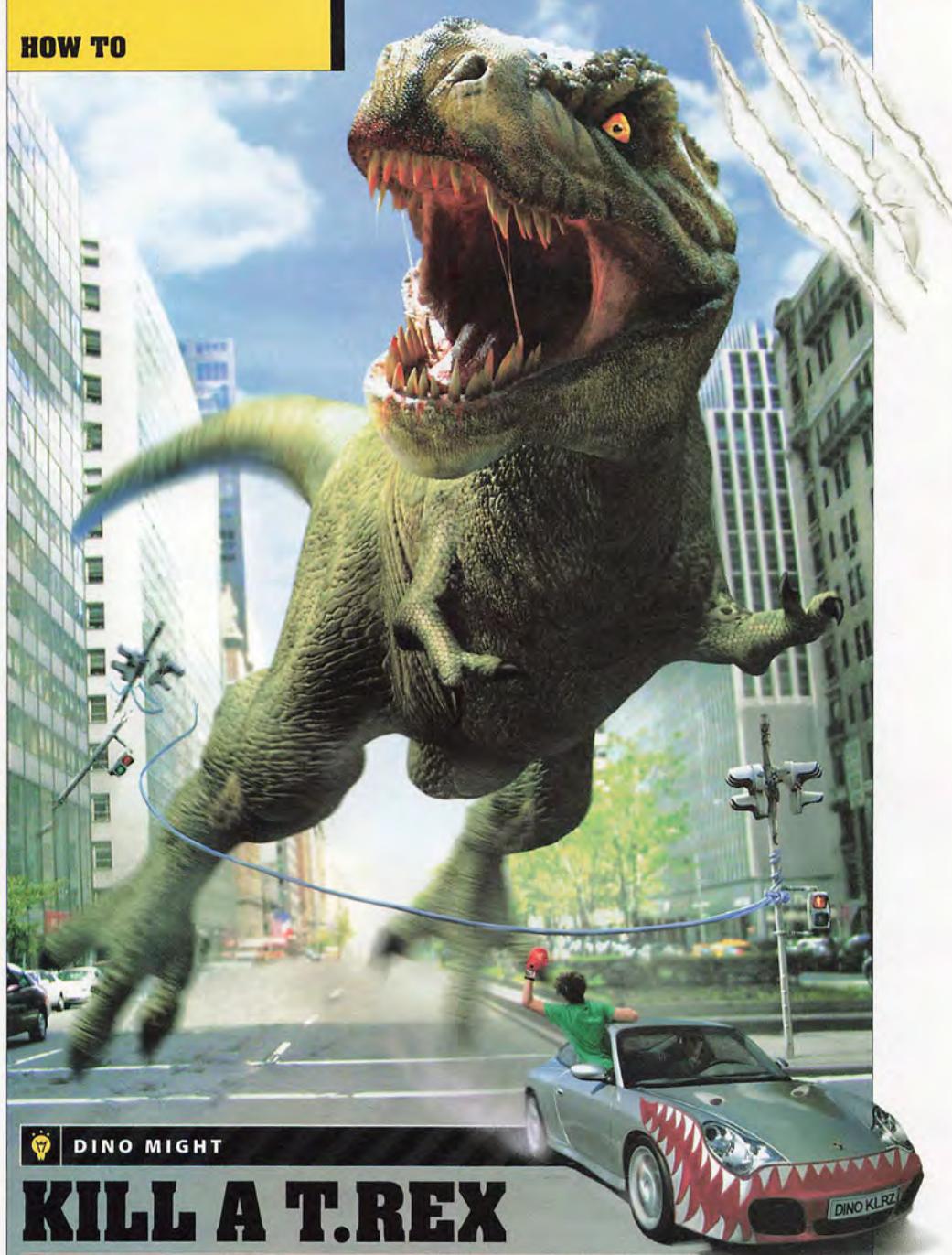
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HOW TO



DINO MIGHT

KILL A T.REX

Paleontologists recently discovered preserved *T. rex* soft tissue. So after we clone the beasts, we must fight them.



1 KNOW YOUR PREY

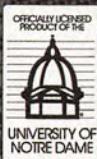
First of all, don't panic. The *T. rex* was primarily a scavenger and preferred dead meat over your live flesh, says paleontologist Dr. John "Jack" Horner, a *T. rex* expert and technical adviser for *Jurassic Park* and *The Lost World*. The six-ton beast could move anywhere from 15 to 40 mph but was likely clumsy on his feet, so your best bet is tripping him up. Researchers believe a high-speed fall could crack his skull, crush his organs, and break his neck—or at least be painful enough to really, really piss him off.

2 SET THE TRAP

The king of lizards was 18 feet tall, so string twisted nylon rope (used in boating for its supreme strength) across a road four feet off the ground and secure it to two stable objects. Now the bait: "The *T. rex* had olfactory lobes larger than any other dinosaur's, so it could smell at great distances," notes Horner, who's also a curator at Bozeman, Montana's Museum of the Rockies, which excavated the dino soft tissue. Throw a bucket of blood on a rotting corpse and place it several yards beyond the trap.

3 START THE CHASE

Now find a cloned *T. rex* and challenge the big fella to a boxing match. Your mockery of his embarrassingly short, scrawny arms will infuriate him, yet he'll be unable to grab you. Dodge his gnashing seven-inch teeth protruding from his four-foot-long mouth, then hop into your Geo Metro and lead him on a mid-speed chase toward your tripwire. With any luck, he'll turn his attention toward your lifeless bait, lunge for it, and pull a nasty Gerald Ford. Presto! *T. rex* boots for everybody!



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Joining a car club can get you into the car of your dreams. But what can the car of your dreams get you?

Sad fact is, most guys will never know the joy of tearing down a twisty mountain road in something small, fast, and Italian, nor that of showing up at a big-bucks restaurant in a chromed-out British barge that gives the valet a hard-on.

But a few filthy rich car enthusiasts with means far beyond those of the common schmo are trying to correct this gross inequality. Their answer: car clubs, which charge subscription fees for the chance to periodically tear up the streets in one of the classic rides from their fleet.

Smaller ones, like Club Sportiva in Cali, have been around for years, but recently a 10-year-old company from England called Classic Car Club set up shop in Manhattan. And with franchises set to open in Florida, New Jersey, Texas, and Georgia, they're spreading the gospel of automotive time-shares far and wide. The cost of admission isn't cheap—there's a

**There's a
'77 Aston
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SS/RS.**

one-time initiation fee of \$1,500, and yearly dues of \$7,000—but that kind of relatively modest lucre currently buys access to 30 of the finest examples of automotive engineering this side of Jay Leno's garage, with 20 more due in the club's stable by year's end.

Peek into their clubhouse and you'll find a '77 Aston Martin V-8 sitting next to a '69 Camaro SS/RS. Down the line is that '68 Lincoln Continental you always dreamed of rolling in. All told, there's nearly \$1.5 million worth of grease-monkey art packed into their 10,000-square-foot space. Except this art wants to get dirty.

How does it all work? The club covers insurance and maintenance; members just keep the premium gas flowing. How often members can borrow the club's cars is based on a points system that's more complicated than a Lamborghini engine, but that seven large is

worth about 40 driving days a year. Not too shabby, considering a weekend Ferrari rental in Vegas costs upward of \$3,000 and lets you drive roughly as far as the local 7-Eleven.

Being the hard-hitting journalists we are, we sent out assistant editor Jon Wilde—a car nut who can barely afford a subway ride—to borrow some of the club's cars for three days worth of joyriding, law-abiding test drives. Still, he beamed like a giddy schoolgirl when he was handed the keys to a 1980 Ferrari 308, a 1967 Chevy Chevelle SS, and a 1989 Rolls-Royce Corniche II convertible.

Of course, each vehicle had its own personality, quirks, pros, and cons. And each one commanded attention and respect in its own way. But as Jon found out, a car that gets attention means a driver who gets attention. And that's where all the fun begins. ▶

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> HOLY ROLLER!

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SPEC CHECK

VINTAGE: 1989 Rolls-Royce Corniche II
ENGINE: 6.8 liter, 230 bhp (est.) V-8
0-60: 9.6 seconds **TOP SPEED:** 125 mph



The Rolls Royce Corniche always looks best when there's lots of green around

Inside story: Wool carpets in front and back, swaths of hand-polished walnut, and a sea of creamy Connolly leather—these are the hallmarks of the finest in British automobiles.

Wilde's ride: First things first—I get Steve, a fellow editor, to drop the Corniche's top. Why not do it myself? As I see it, the best place to enjoy a Rolls is from the backseat. So I've enlisted Steve to man the helm of my bespoke British ship for the night. Besides, I've got more important concerns than maneuvering a 5,000-pound, 17-foot-long land yacht through Manhattan streets.

See, I'm sitting in the backseat...alone. That won't cut it if I'm going to roll up to PM, one of



"Ladies, have you ever felt real Italian velour?"

**The
brunette
whispers to
her blonde
friend
before
they both
pile in.**

the city's hottest nightclubs, in a car that cost \$205,500 when new.

Just as I give Steve the nod to pull anchor, a leggy blonde walking by admires the Royce. "Hot car," she says, looking up.

"It's better on the inside," I reply. "Care to see for yourself?" A quick punch to the shoulder and Steve opens the door for her. Turns out she's got other plans for the evening, but I graciously offer a ride to where she's going. When we arrive, she takes one last look at the Rolls and says, "I would definitely fuck on the hood of this car."

Damn. No time to dwell on lost causes, though, as I spy two young women out of my

league—and my budget—eyeing the car.

"Any chance you ladies care to join me?" I ask as Steve stops in front of them. The brunette whispers to her blonde friend before they both pile in. When I ask the brunette if she would have jumped in had I not been in a Rolls, she doesn't mince words.

"Nope."

The painful realization that beautiful women really are suckers for big money—a nagging fear of average joes like me everywhere—will set in tomorrow. But for tonight, as I roll up to the club and step out of the Rolls with a woman on each arm, I don't much care.

> DETROIT'S FINEST

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SPEC CHECK

VINTAGE: 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS
ENGINE: 396-cubic-inch, 325 bhp V-8
0-60: 6.5 seconds **TOP SPEED:** 130 mph

Inside story: In 1964 Pontiac invented the muscle car with the GTO option on its midsize Le Mans coupe.

Chevy answered by beefing up its '64 Chevelle's SS with a 300-horsepower 327-cubic-inch mill.

Wilde's ride: I twist the key, and the 396 up front shakes and snorts so much that it feels like I've been shoved into a cage with a pissed-off bull. So I drop the beast into drive, pull out, and take in the sweet music of the rumbling big block.

That's when things get weird. A guy in a Kia eyes the SS, then nods in approval. Men on the



"So you don't know where the nearest Waffle House is, I take it?"



sidewalk turn a stoplight into story hour about the Olds Cutlass 442 or Boss Mustang they once had. People yell, "Nice car!" ...without tacking "asshole!" onto the end. This feels good.

I arrive at the Berlin Turnpike (Route 15) in Connecticut, where summer Saturday nights mean the four-lane strip is lousy with street-racing kids in hopped-up imports. But the young guns won't play when I let the Chevelle grout out a dare.

Finally, I get a taker. A rev from either side, then the green light. The pedal hits the floor.

The Chevelle's rear tires spin, then grab the asphalt and rip the car forward. The 396 roars, and I think maybe this wasn't such a good idea.

I was right. I got hammered. In a parking lot down the road, I learn my competition was a Toyota Supra turbo with 550 horses. "Sweet ride, though," says the young owner, eyeing the deep blue SS. "Sounds badass."

I'll take that. Old-school muscle may not match new-school hustle, but it still demands respect. At the end of the day, when you're driving a stud like this, that's all that matters.

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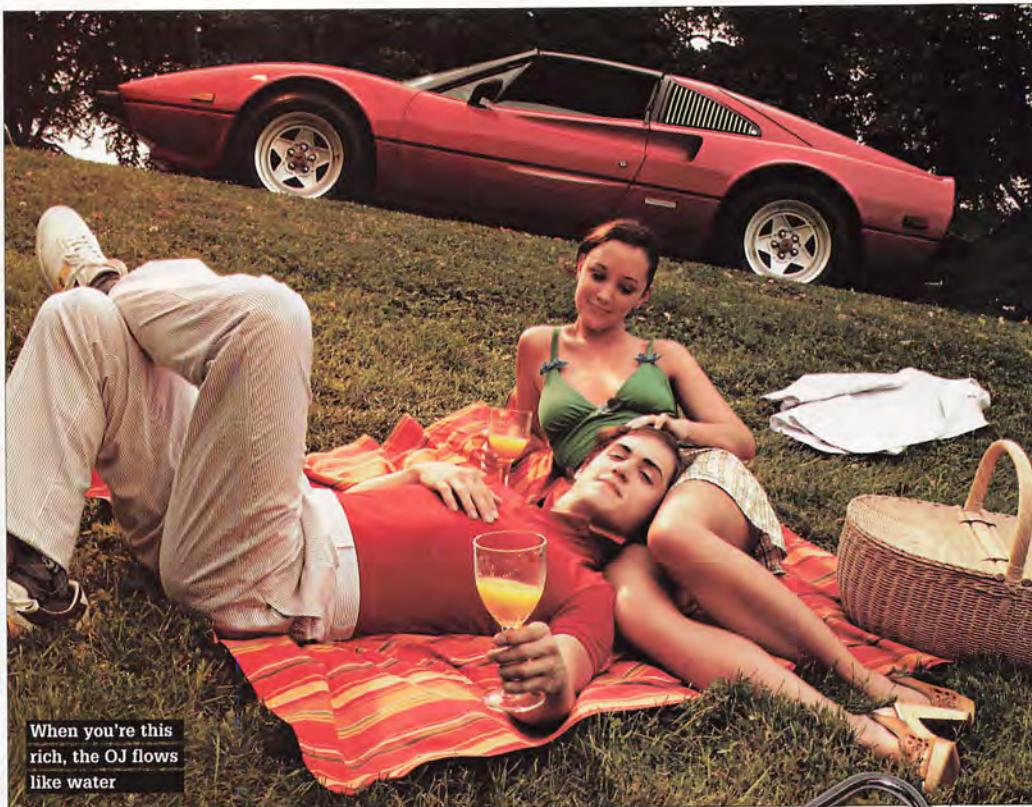
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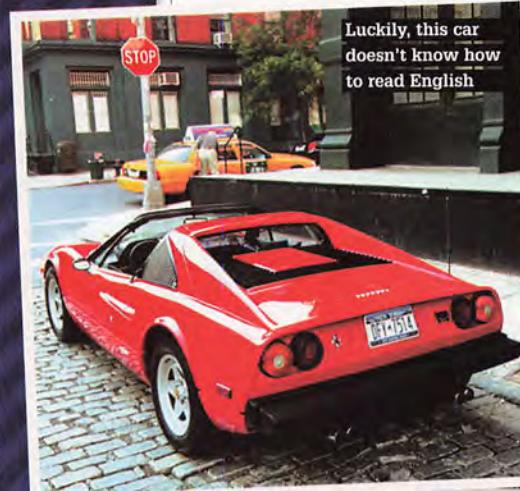
VINTAGE: 1980 Ferrari 308 GTSi

ENGINE: 3.0-liter, 205 bhp V-8

0-60: 7.9 seconds **TOP SPEED:** 147 mph

Inside story: Recognize the silhouette and Rosso Corsa red? The 308 was Magnum's ride. More importantly, the 308, with its rear-mounted V-8 and "entry level" pricing, is the paterfamilias to a lineage that includes the Ferrari's latest racer, the F430.

Wilde's ride: A quick look at the specs and it turns out this two-seater from Modena isn't quite the asphalt terror of its more modern brethren. Hell, a new Nissan Maxima cranks out 60 more horses. Blame the "i" in "GTSi." New U.S.



Luckily, this car doesn't know how to read English



emissions regulations in 1980 forced Ferrari to swap out carburetors for a set of fuel injectors that choked 35 horsepower from the mill.

Still, this ain't no family sedan. The seating position is just above go-cart level, and the fabled Ferrari gated shifter gleams. Twist the key and the V-8 purrs to life behind your head. Stab the pedal and the high-revving mill lets out a ferocious howl. The sound is addictive.

But the best part? Everyone knows it's a *Ferrari*. That's what this car is all about, at least now that it's 25 years old. My drive to the Hamptons is filled with the jealous looks of minivan-piloting soccer dads who turn away so I don't catch their admiring glances. Too late.

At Cyril's, a roadside watering hole at the point of Long Island, I park next to the yuppie-filled crowd spilling out into the parking lot. A few spots down are a new Ferrari 575M Maranello and a Viper. The 308 fits in well.

That's when I realize it fits in *too* well. The car is old news here. I want more jealous stares, not moneyed indifference. Seems the only thing more addictive than the scream of the 308 is the gawking audience that comes with driving one.

On the way out I gun the engine, giving the crowd a moment to pinpoint the wailing V-8 just before I tear off in a tail-wagging, gravel-splattering streak of red. I feel much better. M



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► MAN AT HIS BEST

BREAST YEARS OF HIS LIFE

In 1998 *Maxim* introduced Brian Zembic, the man who cashed in on a \$100,000 dare by getting breast implants for a year. So, eight years later, how come he's still got 'em?

When Brian Zembic first shows me his tits, we're in his bedroom. Door closed. Curtains drawn. Lights off. Pitch black. Then he flicks a switch, and suddenly a pair of glowing pink orbs appear, hovering weirdly in the darkness.

"Look at these fucking things!" yells Zembic, who's standing there topless, holding two flashlights beneath his breasts and looking down at the spectacle. "Don't they look alien?"

They do. Eerily translucent and slightly hairy. They look like they might hatch. "Before I got them, I had no idea they glowed like this," he continues. "Apparently, it doesn't work with silicone. Only saline."

Zembic, 44, has every reason to marvel at his tits. They have, after all, made him a legend. As constant companions, they entered his life when

he and his friends—a motley rabble of wealthy Vegas gamblers who bet on pretty much anything—were discussing how nuts it was that their friend Martha, and for that matter women in general, went under the knife for a bigger rack. Were breasts really that important?

"I said, 'Fuck, yeah! The only reason Martha gets attention is because she has boobs,'" recalls Zembic. "And if I had them, I'd get just as much attention. Even more. Because the whole world revolves around boobs."

So one of his pals, a high-stakes backgammon player, issued a put-your-money-where-your-mouth-is challenge. He said he'd give Zembic \$100,000 if he got breast implants. At first Zembic hedged, but eventually a meeting was called—a "titty tribunal"—and the terms were set. Zembic would get the



THE MAN WITH THE \$100,000 BREASTS

Close your eyes and try to remember the wildest dare you ever accepted. Now open them and...voilà! You've just witnessed one of a bitch who's got her heart by 20 pounds. By Sanjiv Bhattacharya

1998

money if he lasted a year with the globes intact. All he had to do was pay for the surgery itself.

So he did. To everyone's astonishment, he forked out a few grand for a pair of C-cups. That was in 1997. Eight years ago. When *Titanic* came out. Yet today he's still got the tits.

"You know why? Because I can't afford to have the damn things taken out!" He's grinning. "No, seriously, it's because I hate operations. That general anesthetic, it makes me so sick. And now I've had them in so long, there's all this scar tissue underneath..."

Zembic drops his head in a rare moment of contemplation.

"You know what? I can't even remember what it's like not having them. Is it really eight years? Shit. That's nearly a fifth of my life. That's a long time to have boobs."

Brian Zembic is a unique and exceptional man—not so much because he's got hooters, but because, on him, they seem almost incidental. He's loud and manic, the center of attention. He's a brilliant sleight-of-hand magician, constantly whipping out a deck of cards. He's a Ping-Pong coach and world-class blackjack and backgammon player. Gambling has paid for everything he owns, including a beautiful four-bedroom home in Las Vegas with a yellow Hummer parked out front.

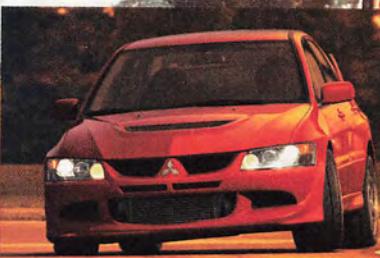
But his pals don't call him the Wiz simply for his gambling and magic skills. The man with the mammarys also has an uncanny ability to get hot women giggling their way into the sack.

"It's unbelievable," says his friend Derek, a professional blackjack player. "It's not as though he's good-looking. But he gets away with murder. He gets them laughing, pulls a few cards out of their cleavage, and next thing you know he's cupping their tits and they're away."

Zembic was always a tit man. "I was breast-fed until the age of six," he kids. Having his own pair has done nothing to dilute his fetish. "I still live for nice breasts, even though my own don't do anything for me," he says. "That was my big worry about getting the implants: How the hell am I going to get some chi-chi? But, you know, I'm shocked—there's never been a girl who hasn't enjoyed them. The boobs help. Now if I think I have no shot with a girl, I use the boobs. If I had them removed, I'd be like, Jesus Christ, how am I going to get a date now?"

At first glance (long, disbelieving stare is more like it), it's tough to imagine the breasts are such a chick magnet. They're ►

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hairy, for starters. "I shave them when I have a date," Zembic says. "I'm a gentleman like that." So what's the chick appeal? The curiosity factor? Or the fact that he's a minor celebrity with a book—*The Man With the \$100,000 Breasts and Other Gambling Stories*—named after his startling appendages? "A lot of things contribute," he explains. "But I think it's also because they're all lesbians. I'm serious. They play around with them, they suck them, they rub theirs on mine. And they get to do all that without feeling like they're lesbians."

Does it feel good to have women sucking your tits?

"Not really, but I never had any feeling there before," he says. "I just fake it to keep it going. It's a turn-on for me to watch two girls. So when I'm with a girl, I pretend it's not me and I'm on the outside, watching two lesbos going at it."

In addition to fame and pseudo-lesbo action, Zembic's jugs have brought him a small fortune. After the book came out, he appeared on *The Man Show*, *The Howard Stern Radio Show*, and *Inside Edition*, among others. He posed for both *The Star* newspaper and Helmut Newton. Then there were all the side bets. For example, a high-rolling pal gave him \$2,000 to flash his tits in the middle of a casino. So far, he estimates, his snobs have earned him about \$270,000.

But it hasn't all been cash and chicks. As any well-endowed woman will tell you, having a mondo rack has its disadvantages. To keep his gazongas hidden in public, Zembic has to dress a certain way—not in cleavage-enhancing bras, but spandex tops and billowy shirts. His outfits are odd—think hospital orderly—but he

'Girls get to suck them and play around with them without feeling like they're lesbians.'



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and PVC garden hose. And he wouldn't look as hot.

insists that's not out of embarrassment. Pens in his shirt pocket chafe, and jogging's painful without a sports bra. As for swimming or getting a tan, he hasn't done either in eight years. And airport security is always treacherous.

"It's embarrassing when they start pronging you right in front of everyone," he says. "Once they back-roomed me. They looked at me like they thought I had a bomb. Luckily, I had the book with me, which explains everything. So now I always gotta pack that book when I fly."

But these are minor irritations. In general, the boobs appear to have treated him well. Ironically, they've even kept him in shape. "I can't put on weight, because then my boobs look like shit," he says. "I want my boobs to look good, even if I'm the only one who sees them! Now I know why girls are always dieting. It's for

their boobs. I'm serious. I've got an insight into women now. Girls can relate to me, too. They talk to me the way they talk to gay guys. The only difference is, afterward, I try to bang 'em."

The only time he feared his breasts might seriously backfire was with his ex-wife, the mother of his five-year-old daughter, Mika. When they were first dating, even having sex, he managed to keep them secret from her. "I thought she would freak out," he says. "So I just kept pushing her away if she tried to touch me there. When I eventually told her [by handing her the book], she just cried. She was worried her parents wouldn't accept me because they were traditional Chinese. But after an hour, she was over it and we were in the sack. We got married about six months afterward."

Zembic's in-laws eventually found out about his sweater meat through a TV show. "It was one of those 'Will the real Brian Zembic stand up?' things," he says. "But even her parents accepted me in the end." The reason he split from his wife wasn't implant-related. He says it was because "she wanted to go ►



Kind of gamy in here



MONEY MATTERS

BRIAN'S BIZARRE BETS

Whether making bets or taking them, Zembic has a history of cashing in.

Hand Maiden

"On a flight I bet a buddy \$2,000 I could get a stranger to give me a hand job. I picked out a girl and approached her. When the movie comes on, my buddy looks over and sees a towel over me and her hand working away on me."

Panty Run

"For \$3,000 I ran a mile through the streets of Philly in only panties and a bra. If I got stopped by the cops and didn't finish, I'd lose the \$3,000, so I practiced the safest route all week. The cops didn't bother me though."

Marathon Man

"I bet poker champ Gus Hansen \$10K he couldn't beat the marathon record over 26 days. He had to run 16 100-meter dashes a day, at like, 16 seconds each. Gus is an athlete, but after a day he decided it was too hard and settled for \$3K."

Beer Frisbee

"How long do you think it takes to drink professional Frisbee full of beer? People say, like, one or two minutes. So I bet them they can't do it in 15 minutes. Try it. You can't do it. You can fit about five cans of beer in there."

Toilet Bowl

"Someone bet me \$14,000 I couldn't live in a bathroom for a month. The guy I bet had his buddies take horrible craps in the place. After six days they gave me \$7,000 to stop the bet. No one thought I'd last that long."

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gambling, and I wanted to stay home with Mika." And, yes, little Mika knows all about Daddy's hooters.

Perhaps most surprisingly, having breasts seems to have settled Zembic down. One might even suggest they've imparted a nesting instinct. Before the operation, Zembic frequently traveled across the country and Europe, outsmarting casinos at blackjack tables and nearly killing himself in a motorcycle crash in Spain. But since the breasts were installed, he's become a stay-at-home dad who lounges about, playing online poker and coaching Ping-Pong. For a few grand, he'll do the occasional magic show.

"I've got my savings," says the ultimate Mr. Mom. "And I don't want to risk that now that I've got Mika."

Besides, the biggest payday may be on the horizon. There's been talk of a Boob Man movie for six years now. The script's finished and various actors have expressed interest, including David Duchovny, who joked that, to impress the Academy, he'd actually get implants for the part.

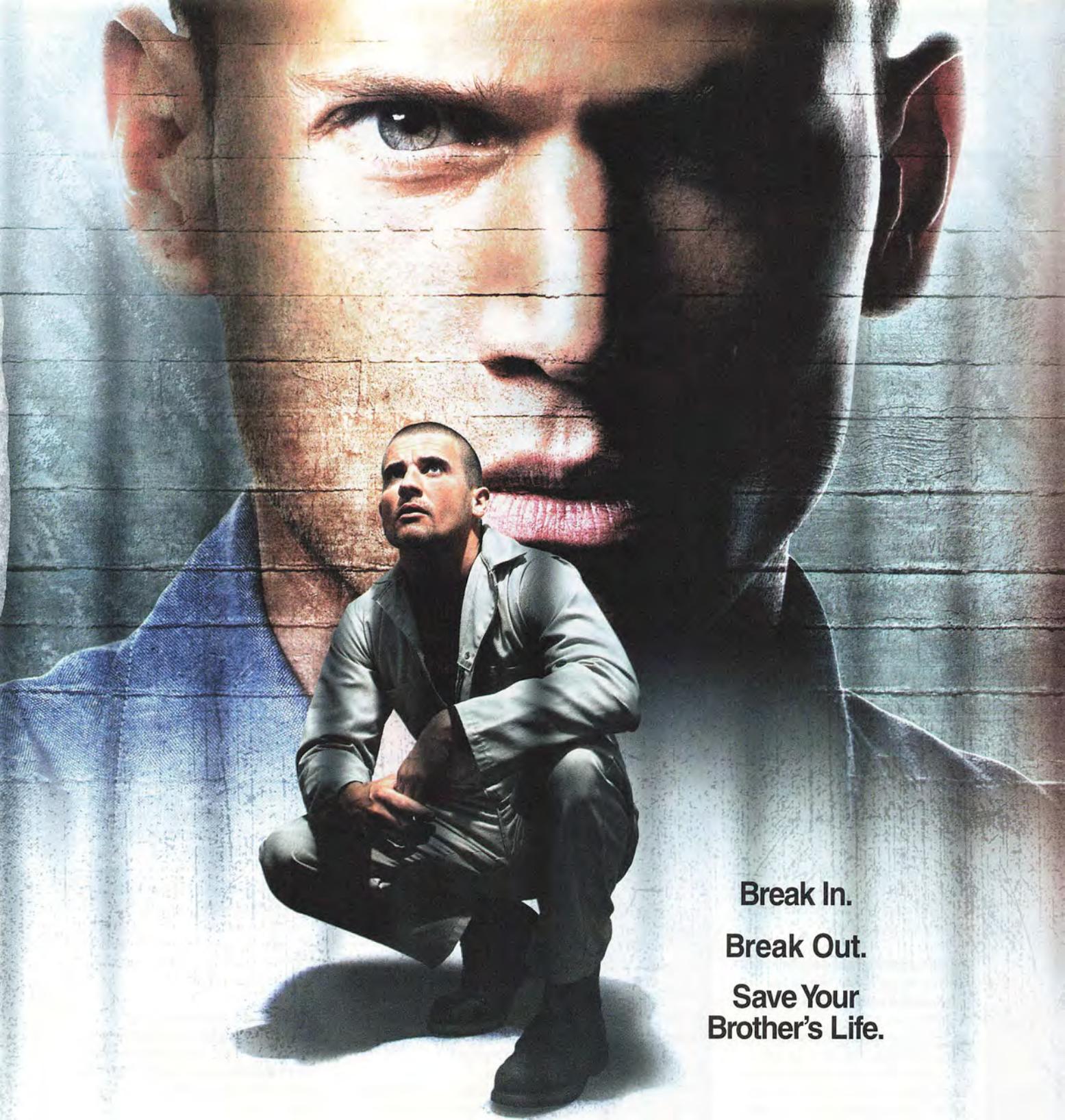
"I was done after a year, I wanted them out," Zembic says. "But then every year when they renewed the rights, they kept saying, 'Keep the tits so you can appear at the end of the movie. It'll be really cool.'"

David Higgins, the producer, laughs. "I'm not insisting that he keep his implants in; it's completely up to him," he says. "It would be great for marketing, of course, but we can always find another way."

The simple truth is that Zembic is attached to his tits.

"If I ever looked in the mirror and thought, *What the fuck am I doing with these?*, then I'd get them out," he says. "But I've got to say, I like them. They're mine, they're me. What can I say?"

Nevertheless, the clock is ticking on the most famous knockers in gambling history. He recently accepted a bet from pal Michael Sall, a high-stakes gin player, that throws the future of his chest into question. Zembic groans just thinking about it. "I get \$50,000 if I go to a D-cup, or \$10,000 if I take them out. But I have to pay \$20,000 if I leave them in." He looks pained. "I've got till February..." M



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Q Mustaches are all the rage, and I want to grow one. Should I base my look on Rollie Fingers or Little Richard?

Lee Huff, Dayton, OH

A Well, I can't tell you not to copy, because I copied Little Richard when I grew my mustache. I don't know who Rollie Fingers is. [Ed. note: We tell him] I'm a sports bigot...my advice is never imitate sports figures. And don't imitate my mustache or I'll have you killed.

Q I feel bad that I don't ever do anything good with my time.

What's something I can do that will make me feel better about myself?

Gary N., Buffalo, NY

A Stay home and wear industrial-size Kleenex boxes on your feet as shoes and stomp around your home all day long. Howard Hughes supposedly did this and it made him feel better. Who am I to say it doesn't work? I've tried it in my own house and it always puts me in a better mood.

Q Is cologne ever a good idea?

Sam Spencer, Jacksonville, FL

A No. Not unless you have leprosy or jungle rot. Or some inner fungus that is resistant to cleaning.

Q I want to date this WASPy chick at work, but I'm worried she's out of my blue-collar league. How should I approach her?

elloblo, via e-mail

A All WASPs want to fuck blue-collar people. Play it up. Say, "I seen" instead of "saw." Put a broken refrigerator on your lawn. I guarantee you, you'll get laid.

Q I sometimes go and get manicures with my girlfriend. Should I be questioning my masculinity?

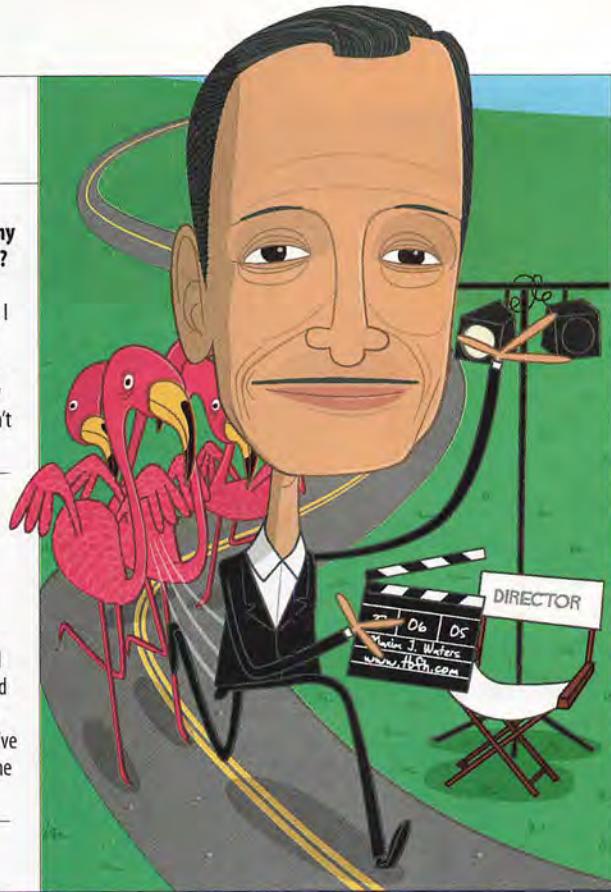
BB, Greenwich, CT

A Yes! I'm gay and even I'm turned off by you. No matter what your sexual preference or gender, no one likes a man who is fussy about his looks. You can spend as much time as you want looking good. But don't do it in public.

Q When I was in college, my mom had me arrested for stealing her car. Now I hardly ever see my family, and I miss them. Is there a good way to patch things up?

Tom, South Bend, IN

A Well, you could buy her a car if you have enough money. Or steal her car again, right after the warranty expires, and wreck it. Do you like her? Have her arrested. See how she likes it!



THE PRINCE OF PUKE

JOHN WATERS

The director of *Pink Flamingos*, *Pecker*, and *A Dirty Shame* (out now on DVD) wraps his twisted mind around your most vulgar questions.

'My advice is never imitate sports figures. And don't imitate my mustache or I'll have you killed.'

Q Are bow ties totally out of fashion, or is there any way to wear one and look cool?

Milton D., New York, NY

A I have to suppress my bow tie-bashing reflex daily. Stop me. Before I kill again. No one looks good in a bow tie.

Q My girlfriend thought it would be sexy to show me what she can do with veggies and other edibles. Now I can hardly have sex with her, much less eat squash. What can I do to get this image out of my head?

Larry D., Shreveport, LA

A Embrace the image. It's called sploshing. Sploshing is an English fetish, and it's the erotic urge to dump food in your loved one's crotch. Don't laugh! Everybody needs a new fetish for the autumn of their years. Save it. Look forward to it.

Q I have a lot of back pain, but I hear chiropractors are quacks. Any suggestions for how to alleviate the pain?

Jimmy Butler, Portland, ME

A Poppers sometimes work. That's a sex drug you take. You sniff things.

Q I'm sick of working for the man, and I want to open a gourmet pickle shop. Do you think that's a good idea?

Darren W., Los Angeles, CA

A I do because I'd be a customer. I love pickles—especially sweet, midget gherkins. They're my favorite. I have six of them every day for lunch. Open up your shop and I'll be the first in line.

Q I got a gig teaching convicted murderers at a prison. I always feel intimidated. How can I assert myself with these hardcore inmates?

P. McCluskey, Staten Island, NY

A They smell fear, and they will kill you. But when I taught in jail, I never got intimidated. In fact, I wanted to move in! I was more scared of the guards.

Q What's a good way to impress a first date without going overboard?

Craig H., Cleveland, OH

A Make them laugh. Make them feel smart. And commit a tiny crime together.

Q My buddy got a sex change, and now I don't know how to include him/her on what used to be guy nights. What should I do?

longhorn83, via e-mail

A Tell him to come in drag as a man. Drag kings are much cooler than drag queens these days. And besides, most men who get a sex change into women become lesbians at first. Won't that be hot? All straight men seem to think they can give lesbians what they think they really need, which in reality is the exact opposite of what they really need.

Q Is there a surefire system I can use when I bet on horses?

Reid Eliot, Bennington, VT

A Gambling seems to me to be for losers. You never can win. I never bet on the horses—the racetracks are so shabby!

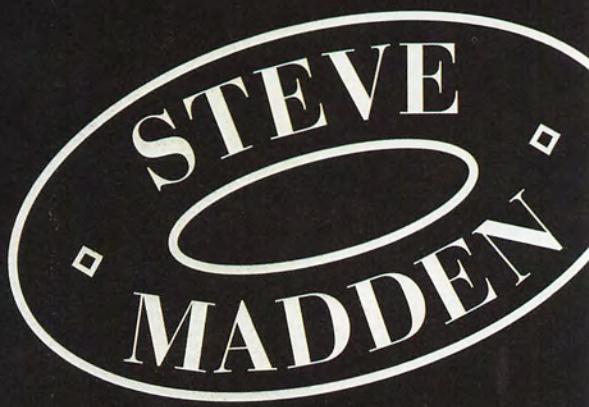
Q My friend called me a whore because I hooked up with two guys in the same night. I slept with one guy, but on the other date I didn't go further than oral sex. Am I a whore?

Brooke, Houston, TX

A Yes.

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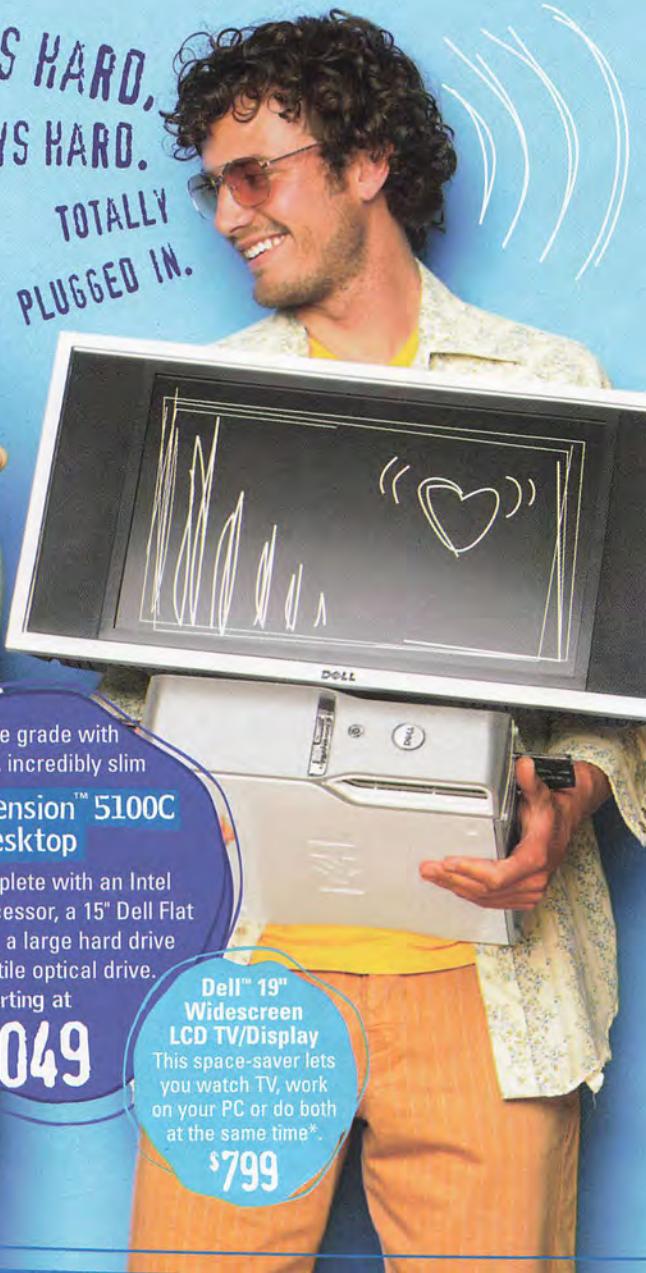
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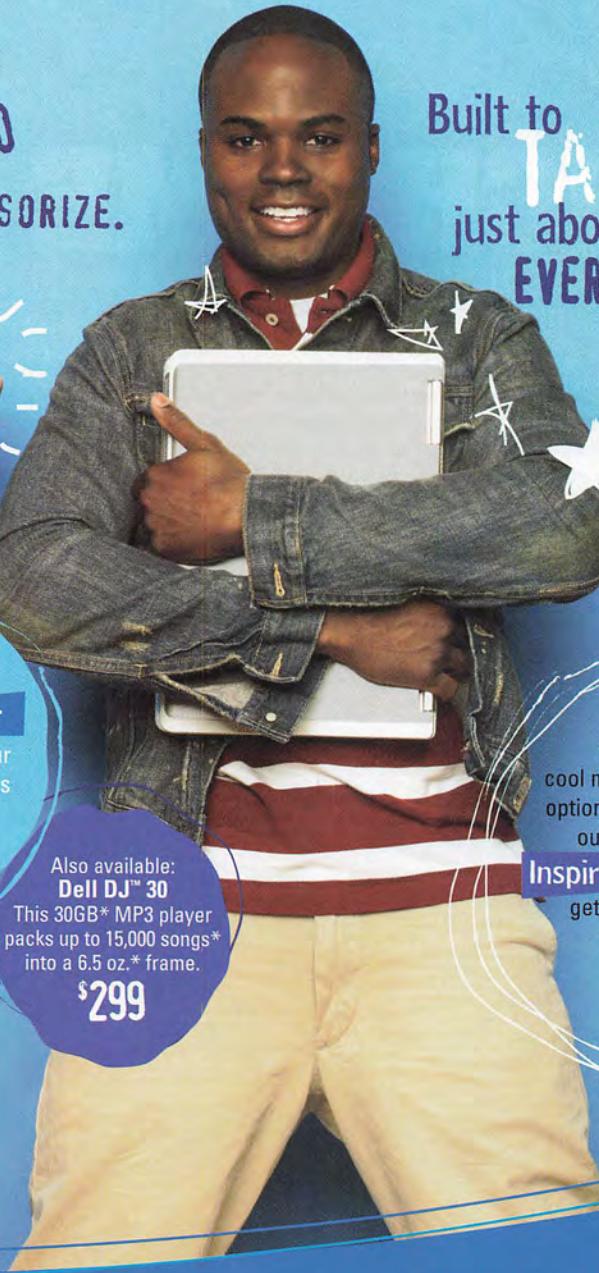


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CRUNCH TIME

What's up, chum? At long last a Jaws game that lets you feast on fatsos in water wings.

It's been 30 years since Roy Scheider blew up Amity Island's first great white and 18 since Mario Van Peebles blew chum all over *Jaws: The Revenge*. But that hasn't stopped Majesco from trolling in their film-to-game adaptation in 2005, just in time for limbless surfers everywhere to hop for joy—because this time you get to be the frickin' shark. (And not just any

shark: an ecoterrorist shark!) Modern-day Amity Island has been changed by the Environplus corporation, but you make sure to swing on by, eating schools of fish...and the CEO's son. (Whoops, your bad!) The suits send in shark-hunting mercenary Cruz Ruddock and Michael Brody, a marine biologist out to put you back in SeaWorld. While on the lam, you get to enjoy the dinner

buffet, dismembering men, women, and children, and leaving a trail of gore through the beautiful 3-D ocean environments. (These look particularly sweet, created by the same folks who brought you those *Ecco the Dolphin* games.) Leap into the air and drag poor bastards off their boats or toss oil canisters into rigs and blow shit up, like Rambo with five rows of teeth.

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"Mmm...frog...
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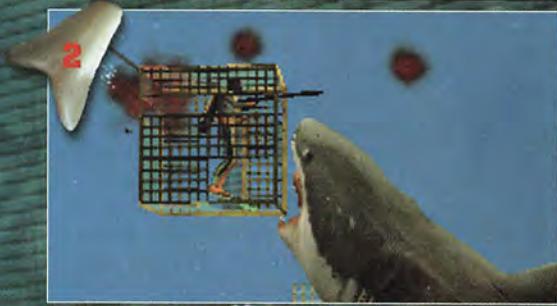


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"Who says great whites can't jump?"



RAGE AT THE CAGE!

"So this is what humans mean by a box lunch..."



SAY HI TO THE BAD GUYS!

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DEATH FROM BELOW!

"Looks like they're gonna need a bigger boat."

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RETROFITTED

GAMESPLOITATION!

Hollywood isn't the only place that's run out of new ideas—now the video game people have started strip-mining the past for inspiration.



THE WARRIORS

System: PS2, Xbox

Out: Oct. 18

Warriors, come out and play-ee-ay... This take on Walter Hill's cult classic comes from Rockstar, the same people who made the *Grand Theft Auto* games. Includes all the colorful gangs and more street violence than a Pistons' home game.



THE GODFATHER

System: PS2, Xbox

Out: Fall 2005

EA's version of the Mob film is so faithful they got James Caan and Robert Duvall to reprise their roles and even resurrected Marlon Brando from the dead! Break the right legs and you'll go from bumbling mook to mumbling Don.



SCARFACE: THE WORLD IS YOURS

System: PS2, Xbox

Out: Fall 2005

What if Scarface survived getting the Swiss cheese treatment? In Vivendi Universal's "sequel," you run around Miami rebuilding your empire, hacking people up, and introducing them to your little friends.



FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

System: PS2, Xbox,

GameCube

Out: Fall 2005

Forget Pierce Brosnan and his poppy! We'll take Sean Connery's tuxedo chop-socky any day. EA's new take on the old classic lets you cruise in vintage cars and kill Rosa Klebb.



TAXI DRIVER

System: PS2, Xbox

Out: Spring 2006

In *Taxi Driver*, Travis Bickle longed for a rain to come and wash the scum from the streets. In Majesco's version of *Taxi Driver*, you'll get to play the rain, cruising the streets as Bickle and bruising the junkies who come out at night.

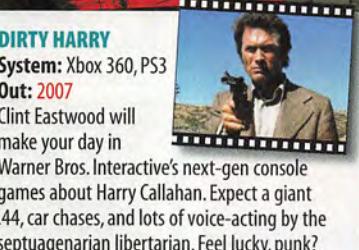


DIRTY HARRY

System: Xbox 360, PS3

Out: 2007

Clint Eastwood will make your day in Warner Bros. Interactive's next-gen console games about Harry Callahan. Expect a giant .44, car chases, and lots of voice-acting by the septuagenarian libertarian. Feel lucky, punk?



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> POPPIN' FRESH

THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN

No, it's not a Bill Gates biopic—it's about Steve Carell finally gettin' some!

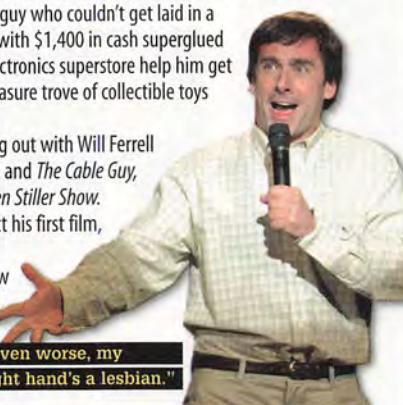


Out: August 19 **Director:** Judd Apatow **Stars:** Steve Carell, Paul Rudd, Catherine Keener

The story: Andy Stitzer (Carell) is the kind of guy who couldn't get laid in a whorehouse wearing elastic waistband pants with \$1,400 in cash superglued to his forehead. Luckily, his coworkers at an electronics superstore help him get his chest waxed and hide his never-ending treasure trove of collectible toys long enough to fail over and over again.

The buzz: Meet Judd Apatow. He gets to hang out with Will Ferrell all the time, producing movies like *Anchorman* and *The Cable Guy*, and TV shows like *Freaks and Geeks* and *The Ben Stiller Show*. And now, after all that success, he gets to direct his first film, which will make you wet your pants like a three-year-old drinking ice coffee. With Apatow about to produce Ferrell's next really funny film, the NASCAR-themed *Talladega Nights*, it's about time you learned his name.

We're guessing: ★★★★☆



> ALSO PLAYING



ROMANCE AND CIGARETTES

Out: August 19

James Gandolfini, Steve Buscemi, and Christopher Walken star in a musical written and directed by John Turturro. Liberace is tap-dancing in his grave.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



RED-EYE

Out: August 19

A woman gets kidnapped by a stranger on a plane, making everyone wonder why they waited six hours in security to get a rubber glove rogering.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



THE TRANSPORTER 2

Out: September 2

Finally! Someone made a sequel to the ass-kicking *The Transporter*, because Cinemax 17 needed something to fill that crucial 3:30 A.M. time slot.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



GET THIS!

> Venezuela's biggest export isn't kidnapping victims—it's petroleum.



SECUESTRO EXPRESS

Out: August 5 **Stars:** Mía Maestro, Rubén Blades

Some people buy lottery tickets to make a buck, but in this frenetic Venezuelan film, they take people off the street...specifically, really hot people played by *Alias'* Mía Maestro. Gritty, tense, and filled with more shaky camera work than your wedding video, it's like *Traffic* with extra kidnapping.

We're guessing: ★★★★★

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GIRL?

Real name:

Nina Kaczorowski

Better known as:

The best-looking punching bag in Hollywood.

Her story: Born in Jersey and raised in Texas, it's no surprise this Polish stunt babe has no problem playin' with the boys. "It was always a challenge growing up," she admits, "but boys learned pretty quickly that I can hold my own. One time this jackass in Mexico punched a guy friend of mine with brass knuckles. So I grabbed him and threw him up against the wall and hit him in the face." With more than a decade of stunt experience under her belt, Nina has parlayed her love of bruising into a successful career, having performed stunts in movies like *The Rundown* and July's sci-fi thriller *The Island*. Despite being a legit badass, Nina insists she's not that intimidating. "I'm a total goof! My nickname in high school was Goofy." We never thought of goofy as hot before, but...

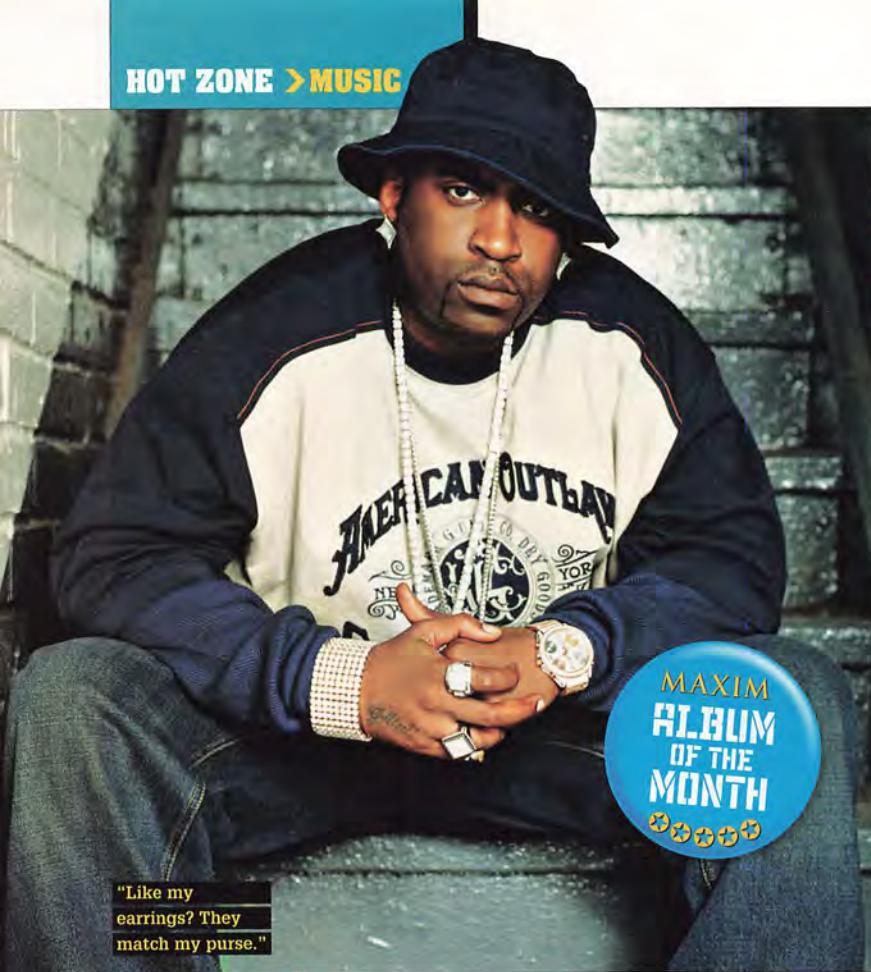

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► Nina played the insanely hot virtual girl in *Minority Report*.

> 'I threw him up against the wall and hit him in the face.'


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"Like my
earrings? They
match my purse."

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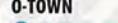
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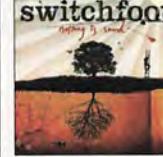


BLACK REBEL MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Howl (RCA)
Well on their way to becoming that super-hip band everyone talks about but nobody really listens to, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club changed course. After two records of furious rock, album three feels like the morning after a five-alarm bender—never loud enough to cause nausea, filled with soothing acoustic guitars and mellow blues riffs. Yep, this is what happens when you spend more energy crafting songs than picking out matching leather jackets.



Diamond Nights
Popsicle (Kemado)
These guys may sound like they're clowning on that 1970s classic rock your stepdad plays in his IROC-Z, but make no mistake—Diamond Nights have the Thin Lizzy concert tees and Black Sabbath iron-on patches to prove they're not kidding around. With riffs reminiscent of Van Halen, a swagger that's pure Billy Idol, and a wicked raunchy sense of humor all their own, their debut actually makes this stuff sound better than it did the first time around.



SWITCHFOOT
Nothing Is Sound (Columbia)
After hearing their New Agey power ballad "Meant to Live" swell from the radio for the 56,877,103rd time, we weren't exactly stoked for a fifth album from these well-meaning Christian-rock surfer boys. But y'know what? This isn't too terrible. This time Switchfoot comes off less like a mediocre grunge band trying to be U2 and more like a mediocre grunge band trying to be Coldplay. So instead of wishing you were deaf in both ears, you'll only want to be deaf in one.



STELLA-STARR*
Harmonies for the Haunted (RCA)
The New Wave revival may be getting old, but don't unpop that collar until you check out the second album from stellastarr*, which wallows in the stylish mope-pop that the Cure and Joy Division pioneered. Sure, cynics may note that stellastarr*'s little more than a Cliff's Notes version of those bands, but their new songs burst with the kind of pained hooks you could hang a John Hughes movie on. Even better—no lame-ass disco beats!

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Norway's goof-core champs/Kick out the punk-metal sleaze./We tried to warn you

THE NEW PORNOPHERS

Twin Cinema Canuck power-pop/That's totally hit and miss/But the hits hit hard.

SANTANA

All That I Am

Just what we needed./More half-baked Latin funk-pop/and more bullshit guests!

JUVENILE

Reality Check

Southern rapper unh/Got a new record out unh/Where nothing rhymes unh.

BROOKS & DUNN

Hillbilly Deluxe

Like NASCAR and Bush/Here's one more thing Blue States don't/Get about rednecks.

BLUES TRAVELER

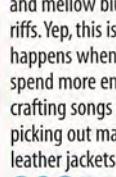
Bastardos!

Along with his girth/Big John Popper lost his gift/To write some good hooks.



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> **Zingy makes a game for mobile phones called G-Unit: Free Yayo, featuring G-Unit members.**



In addition to bar mitzvahs, Turbonegro also does funerals.

> PAROLE HEARING

TONY YAYO

Thoughts of a Predicate Felon (G-Unit/Interscope)

With a stage name that's about as subtle as Al Pacino's acting ("Joey Crystal Meth" must have been taken), it's only fitting that Tony Yayo's debut record is harder than a prison pork chop. After spending the last year and a half locked up on a variety of charges (including gun possession), Yayo is the lost G-Unit member, missing out on 50 Cent's remarkable run to platinum status. But now that Yayo's a free man, he's all business, releasing a bangin' new single, "So Seductive," on an album packed with so many gritty street raps, you'll be picking gravel out of your headphones.

Maxim rating: ★★★★★



Bone Crusher
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(So So Def Recordings, 2003)



Lil' Flip
U Gotta Feel Me
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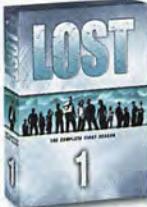
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Extras: Sure, 60 clams is a lot of dough to drop on a DVD, but this seven-disc set includes all 24 episodes from the first season, plus all kinds of behind-the-scenes stuff, like the original, uncut feature-length pilot and the cast's audition tapes. Good luck watching it all.



"I'm sure of it—we
parked in Goofy 6."



GET THIS!

> ABC once planned a version of *Lost* titled *Nowhere*, produced by Aaron Spelling.

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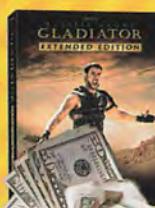
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TOY STORY 10TH ANNIV. EDITION

Out: September 6

Price: \$30

Toy Story has been released at least three times on DVD, and those didn't exactly skimp on the extras. But if you really can't get enough Buzz and Woody, you can always turn to Netflix.



BURN IT!

PRETTY WOMAN 15TH ANNIV. EDITION

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> 'TIS THE 1ST SEASONS



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DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

Out: September 20

When you get sick of freeze-framing Eva Longoria lust after the 17-year-old gardener, check out the gag reel, audio commentaries, deleted scenes, and Nicollette Sheridan's controversial towel- (and jaw-) dropping *Monday Night Football* moment.

Maxim rating: ★★★★★

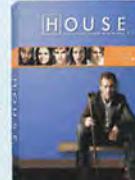


HOUSE

Out: August 30

Most doctors are earnest do-gooders looking to comfort cancer-ridden kids. But in Dr. House's hospital, it takes a spoonful of sarcasm to make the medicine go down, which lets him toe the line between entertaining and awful.

Maxim rating: ★★★★★



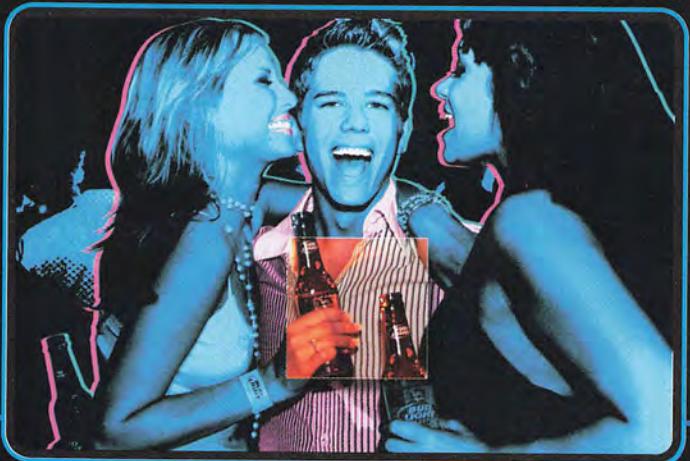
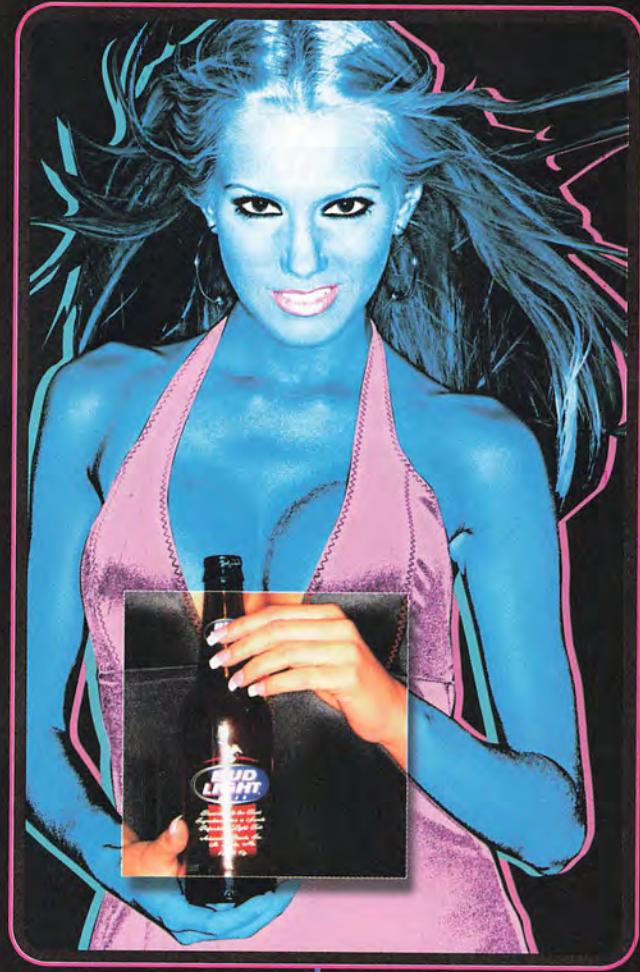
THE OFFICE

Out: August 16

Fans of the original BBC series were ready to complain that the Americanized version of *The Office* was the second coming of *Coupling*. Then they watched Steve Carell's asshole boss, and things got quiet in Nerdland.

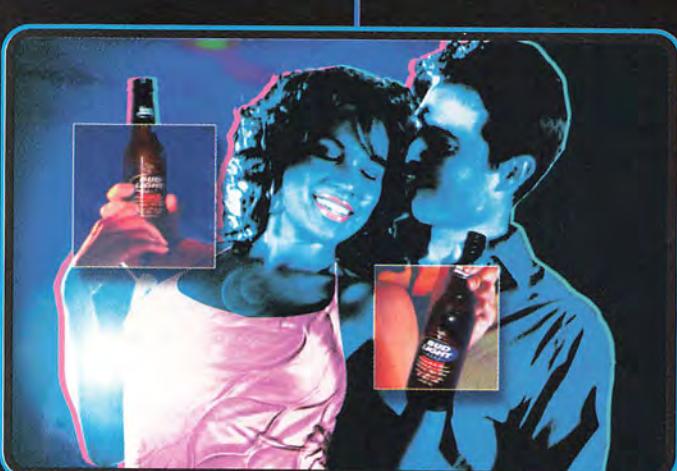
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Notice anything in common?

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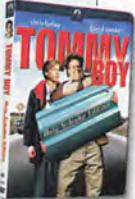
> BIGGER IS BETTER!

TOMMY BOY HOLY SCHNIKE EDITION

Cast: Chris Farley, David Spade

Out: August 30 Cost: \$20

The old *Tommy Boy* DVD had fewer features than Barbie's bathing suit area. But the new edition is packed like a fat guy in a little coat, with a commentary track from Peter Segal, a gag reel, all kinds of deleted and extended scenes, and four featurettes.



Movie: ★★★★ Features: ★★★★★



"Misty, gravy-covered
memories..."

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LEAVE A
MARK!**

> DON'T LOOK BACK IN ANGER

TEN YEARS LATER

With an expanded DVD in stores, *Tommy Boy* director Peter Segal looks back on the movie he hated so much he tried to quit.



PETER SEGAL AT A GLANCE:

- 2005 *The Longest Yard*
- 2004 *50 First Dates*
- 2003 *Anger Management*
- 2000 *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps*
- 1996 *My Fellow Americans*
- 1995 *Tommy Boy*
- 1994 *Naked Gun 3 1/2: The Final Insult*

What does it feel like to look back at the movie after a decade?

I never thought this movie would become so popular—I thought it was the worst thing in the world. My editor would keep calling me saying, "That stuff is great! This is gold!" But I thought he was patronizing me. I even grew a beard because I wanted to hide from it.

Critics thought *Tommy Boy* was the worst thing in the world, too.

Yeah, they hated it. Unanimously. One of my favorite reviews called it "an insult to humanity." Ironically, over the years, it's become my best-reviewed movie, but it took 10 years to get there.

When did you come across *Tommy Boy*?

After *Naked Gun 3 1/2*, I read this script called

"*Billy the Third: A Midwestern*," which was the movie's original title. I wanted to work with Chris Farley so badly I was blind to the fact that the script really wasn't complete. We kept only about 15 of the original pages.

How was "*Billy the Third*" different from *Tommy Boy*?

It was about Chris Farley finding his lost soul mate in his new brother, Rob Lowe. But I wanted to tell a story about two reluctant heroes saving this town. I actually tried quitting the movie before we started because I didn't think it was going to come together.

How did it come together?

We had 66 pages and I would write scenes every night for the next day's shoot.

Was a lot of it ad-libbed?

We were winging it. Chris did this "fat guy in a little coat" routine at the *Saturday Night Live* offices, but it wasn't a song. In the original version of that scene, the camera was on David Spade's character—you can see it on the DVD—but I didn't like it. So we tried it again, and this time Chris sang it. Bits and pieces like that would come up on the fly every day.

Were Chris Farley and David Spade really like their characters?

The nice thing about this DVD is the footage between scenes. Chris would always look for David's approval, so one time he asked, "Does this suit make me look fat?" And David said,

"No, your face does." I knew we had to put that in the movie, but they said, "No, it was just a joke." A lot of the movie was just those guys talking to each other.

What was the set like?

Chris had no problem taking off his clothes. Between takes he would walk around and talk to the crew buck naked as if nothing was



"Then Billy Joel
appeared..."

out of the ordinary. No one could keep a straight face.

How did you feel when Chris died?

I was shocked. Chris was clean during the filming of *Tommy Boy*. Every time I see David, it feels like something's missing.

> MUNCHIE TIME

Recommended snack to eat while watching *Tommy Boy*:

DORITOS "Back in college, if you'd had a toke or two, well... it seems like a Doritos-and-beer kind of movie."



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➤ *Tommy Boy's* original title, "Billy the Third," was changed since *Billy Madison* was already filming.

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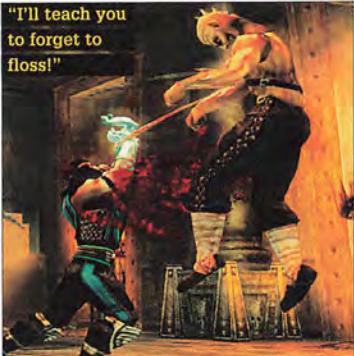


Maxim rating:
★★★★★

Vivendi Universal Games [GameCube, PS2, Xbox]

The telemarketers have started calling during breakfast instead of dinner, your bratty kids would rather play with chemicals than go to sleep, and your wife sounds like Sgt. Fran Drescher of the Marine Corps. But you don't care, because you're the Incredible Hulk, destroying a digital universe into teeny little pixels, sprinting up the walls, leaping between skyscrapers, and throwing buses around. Who needs caller ID, Sominex, and divorce papers when you can smash? And that's what this game is about. The more stylishly you smash things (rip a car in half and use it as brass knuckles, for example), the more points you'll earn to beef up your bruiser with special abilities, like sonic thunder pounds. With all those tanks and pesky Army dudes closing in, it might not be easy being green, but hell—it's better than being you.

"I'll teach you to forget to floss!"



> GAME KWON DO

MORTAL KOMBAT SHAOLIN MONKS

Midway [PS2, Xbox]

If you can somehow block out *Mortal Kombat*'s earlier attempts at spin-offs—namely, *Mortal Kombat Mythologies*, which was about as well received as a barbed wire colonoscopy—you'll find that this artery-emptying 3-D adventure returns the franchise to classic fighting form. You play as karate kid Liu Kang or Kung Lao, roaming around the spiked pits and stinking dungeons of Outworld, trying to save Earth from that crusty old Shang Tsung. The creators get points for keeping the combos, juggles, air attacks, and instant-kill fatalities, not to mention the chopsocky feel and cameos from familiar faces like Baraka and Reptile. The cornball, Z-movie dialogue is bad, but who needs good lines when you can rip out someone's spine?



Maxim rating: ★★★★★

BLIPS ON THE SCREEN



MARC ECKO'S GETTING UP

Atari [PS2, Xbox]

In this graffiti game, you get to vandalize the town as much as you want without getting covered in spray paint or arrested.

Maxim rating: ★★★★★



SPARTAN: TOTAL WARRIOR

Sega [GameCube, PS2, Xbox]

Like a billion other games, you're a swordsman who wins battles and earns power-ups by single-handedly obliterating everyone. Baba ganoush!

Maxim rating: ★★★★★



SOCOM 3: U.S. NAVY SEALS

Sony [PS2]

Welcome to the front lines, soldier: You'll see squad-level action in Morocco, South Asia, and Poland...although, sadly, not your bunk.

Maxim rating: ★★★★★

STRANGE GAME OF THE MONTH



WE LOVE KATAMARI

Namco [PS2]

In this American version of the Japanese import, you're a cosmic prince who rolls a ball around picking up everything in sight (paper clips, pets, pedestrians, the Eiffel Tower), slowly growing larger and larger until a man comes down, spews a rainbow from his mouth, and turns your massive ball of crap into stars and planets. Now with a two-player mode!

Maxim rating: ★★★★★



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> Namco also made a game called *Yumeria* where you manipulate conversations between teenage girls.



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> JOLLY READER

ARRR YOU READY?

In their new book, *Pirattitude*, John "Ol' Chumbucket" Baur and Mark "Cap'n Slappy" Summers teach wannabe buccaneers how to swig, swagger, and speak like pillagers.

What exactly is "pirattitude"?

Cap'n Slappy: It's a swagger. It's what makes you say you swashed your buckle. It's the thing that says "back off" to the landlubbers, and "come hither" to the wenches.

Chumbucket: Think back to when you were a teenager and you gave your mother a salty answer, and she'd say, "Don't give me that attitude." It's that, but with a pirate on top.

What spawned the fascination?

Cap'n Slappy: We were playing racquetball, and one of us sprained something and yelled, "Arrr!" Then we started saying things like, "Ye fired that one off me mizzenmast!"

Did that inspire you to scour your family trees for traces of legit pirate blood?

Chumbucket: No. We just made a bunch of prank phone calls. What you're talking about sounds like too much work.

Can we also attribute National Talk Like a Pirate Day to the racquetball mishap?

Cap'n Slappy: Kind of. The racquetball injury happened on June 6, which is D-day. We couldn't sully D-day with something as trivial as Talk Like a Pirate Day. So I said, "I've got my ex-wife's birthday, September 19, in my head, and I'm not doing anything with it..."

So does pirattitude translate well with the ladie...er...wenches?

Chumbucket: When you walk up to a wench and say, "Prepare to be boarded" or "Can I put my monkey pump in your bunghole?" or "I'd like to drop anchor in your lagoon," you need the swagger to back it up. Shy British people saying "I'd like to fire me cannon through your porthole" just doesn't work.

What kind of drink would make her think you're a true pirate?

Cap'n Slappy: Rum. Straight rum. Chumbucket: In a dirty glass.

What are the key ingredients to a scurvy pirate name?

Cap'n Slappy: First you need a good modifier, like Mad, Slippery, or Saggy. Then you need a tough first name, like Patch or Dirk. And then you add on an amusing last name, like Chamberpot.

Saggy Dirk Chamberpot it is! Didn't real pirate names sound tougher?

Cap'n Slappy: My favorite pirate is Blackbeard. He was a madman. He used to light wicks in his beard before going into battle to give him that extra pirattitude. He was like the Donald Trump of pirates.

Do modern-day pirates exist?

Cap'n Slappy: When I think of modern-day pirate ships, I think of those huge SUVs with a crew stuffed inside and hanging out the windows. And in South Central, they have drive-by's, which is sort of like firing cannons.

Who's the fiercest modern pirate?

Cap'n Slappy: Who's that Australian guy that's always getting into fights? Russell Crowe! He's got pirattitude—he's unbalanced!

Anyone who just screams "Landlubber"?

Chumbucket: I've always been a big fan of Bob Newhart, but there's something about him that just doesn't scream pirate.

Cap'n Slappy: I'm thinking Frasier's brother, David Hyde Pierce.

Is David Hasselhoff a pirate?

Cap'n Slappy: In Germany, pirate. Everywhere else, not.

What about K.I.T.T.?

Chumbucket: Definitely pirate.

Is there any modern-day equivalent to walking the plank?

Chumbucket: Getting married.

What does the future hold for pirates?

Chumbucket: There's no bottom to this, because it's so fun and inappropriate to swagger and snarl like a pirate. You don't get to do that much in your life, and it's fun to play someone who is so obviously bad. Everybody gets off on playing a pirate. Plus, the wenches seem to enjoy it, too.

> CAPTAIN BOOK

PIRATTITUDE

John "Ol' Chumbucket" Baur and Mark "Cap'n Slappy" Summers
(New American Library, \$12.95)

Ever want to be a pirate, but don't like the eye patches and prosthetic limbs? Try this book. The product of a racquetball mishap and decades without sex,

Pirattitude is the unequivocal compendium for anyone wishing to walk, talk, and act like a scurvy seaman. Pirate enthusiasts John "Ol' Chumbucket" Baur

and Mark "Cap'n Slappy" Summers have crafted this literary treasure, which covers the basics of swilling grog and plundering wenches. The book

also helps you determine your own pirate moniker, pirate pickup lines, and jolly pirate chanteys. *Arrr!*

Maxim rating:
★★★★★

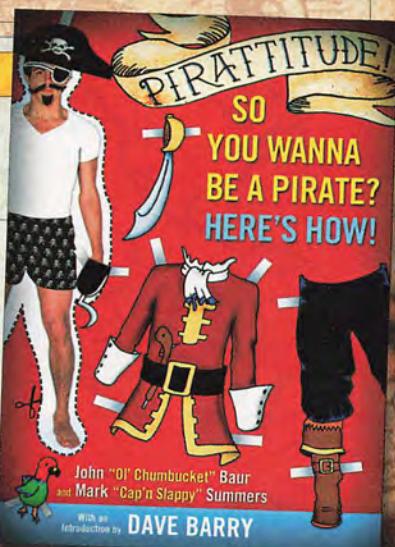


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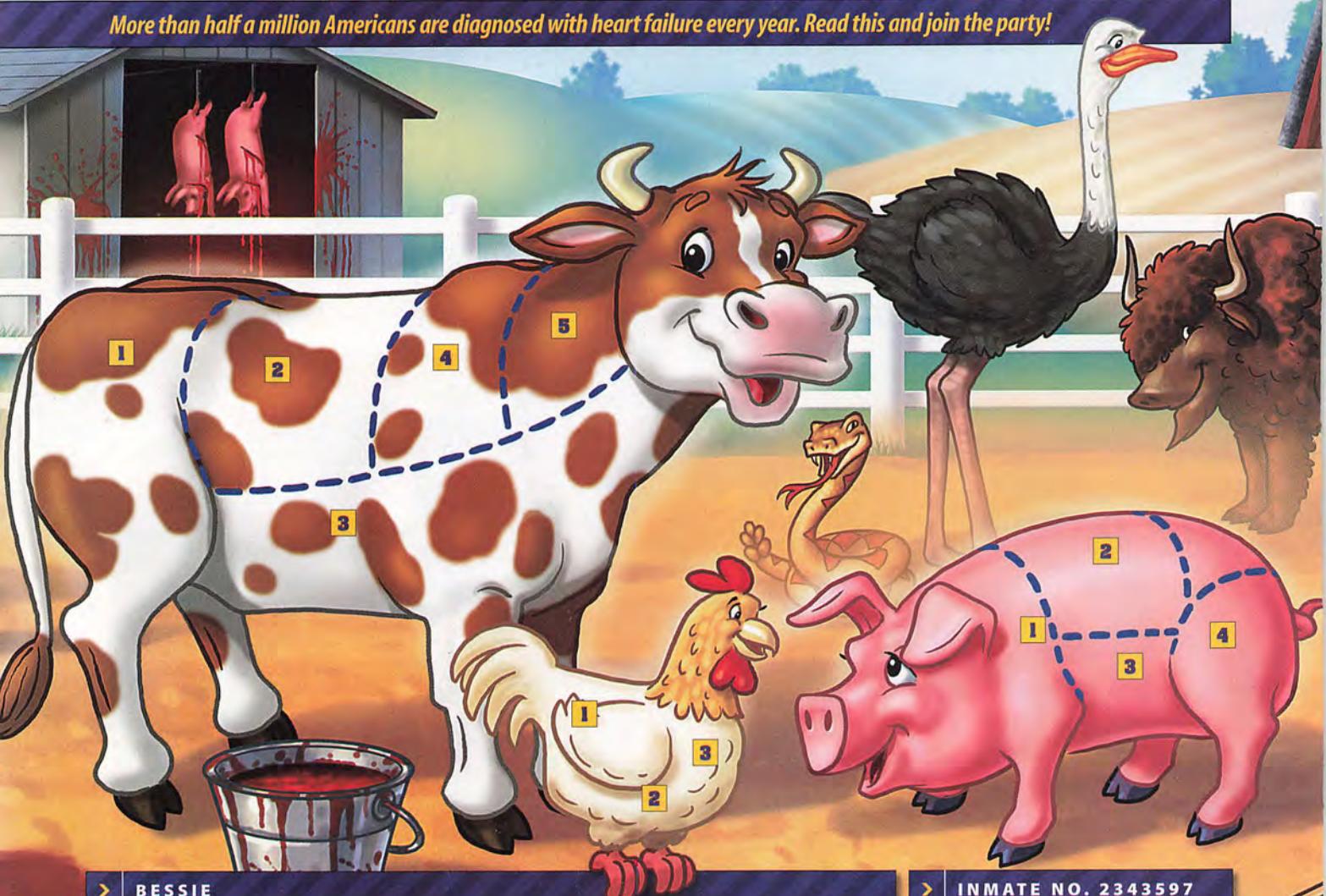
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MEAT: CAN'T BEAT IT!

More than half a million Americans are diagnosed with heart failure every year. Read this and join the party!



BESSIE

1. ROUND

Ass meat. Because cows have strong legs for kicking in farmer's skulls, their rears are as muscly as J.L.O.'s. So cook it low and slow, with a lot of moist heat, and marinade the hell out of it beforehand. London broil is from the round section, as are the thin steaks you eat for breakfast.

2. LOIN

Divided into the loin and sirloin, this area makes up the cow's "sorority girl tattoo area" and has the most expensive cuts of beef. If you cook the loin anywhere beyond medium rare, you're a chump. Cuts from this area are the T-bone, porterhouse, sirloin steak, and filet mignon.

3. BREAST AND FLANK

Lean meat from the belly. It can have a lot of flavor, but overcook it and it'll turn into paving material. This is home to the brisket and corned beef, which is delicious with a side of guilt from your Irish mom who hasn't heard from you in weeks, ya ungrateful bastid.

4. RIB

Tender, with just enough delicious fat, or "marbling," for flavor. Since these cuts baste themselves, don't marinate before broiling or roasting them. Choice Delmonico steaks—which take their name from a famous New York City restaurant—come from the rib section.

5. CHUCK

From the shoulder, this is a cheap and juicy piece of meat (like your mom), but it can be tough and fatty (also like your mom) if you don't cook it properly. It makes great cube meat for stews, ground chuck for burgers and meat loaf, or hearty Yankee pot roast.

INMATE NO. 2343597

1. WING

Made up of the tip, the wingette, and the drummette. While not nearly as sexy as the breast and leg, there's good eatin' here.

2. LEG

This is made up of the thigh and the drumstick, and it's perfect for frying. The leg is all dark meat, and juicy as hell.

3. BREAST

This is white meat only. Like Idaho. And the top part, called the tenderloin, is what they make chicken fillets from.

NUGGET

The nugget doesn't come from any specific part of the chicken's body. It's actually a delightful pastiche of gristle and sinew!

FAMOUS VEGETARIANS: Adolf Hitler, Moby, Ally Sheedy, Alec Baldwin, the B-52's, Corey Feldman, Fiona Apple, Richard Gere, Casey Kasem, Yoko Ono, Kirk Cameron

RATTLESNAKE

From: South-western United States
Tastes like: Chicken. No, really.
Upside: Versatile meat goes well with chili and beer.
Downside: Weakness, chills, and rotting of flesh near bite.

OSTRICH

From: South Africa, United States, Canada, Australia
Tastes like: Lean veal. Their gigantic eggs taste a lot like chicken eggs.
Upside: Less fat; ostrich steaks actually taste good.
Downside: Flightless, ugly.

BUFFALO

From: United States, Canada
Tastes like: A coarser, sweeter form of beef.
Upside: High in protein and low in cholesterol.
Downside: Embedded arrowheads chip teeth.

KANGAROO

From: Australia
Tastes like: Venison, a.k.a. Bambi, which tastes just like gamy beef.
Upside: Can be used in all kinds of barbecue dishes.
Downside: Horrified shrieks of Eeyore, Winnie, and Christopher Robin.

COOKING STYLES**HOT SMOKING**

190 degrees for 10 hours
This is how you make jerky—by slowly cooking the meat of your choice (make sure it's extra lean!) at an extremely low temperature and pouring smoke into it for more flavor. The results are: (1) a chunk of meat that you can chew on for hours without any loss of structural integrity, and (2) colon cancer. But it's worth it!

**BARBECUING**

210 to 250 degrees for up to 24 hours
Slowly cooking at this temperature turns your meat into the most succulent food imaginable. Why? Because barbecuing renders the fat in the meat, allowing it to baste itself. And low temperature allows the heat to penetrate the center without crisping the outside to a charred husk. It doesn't get better than this.

**ROASTING**

250 to 350 for up to four hours
The time and temperature are higher, and so are the stakes! No, not really. We just wanted to say that. Slow-roasting gives some time to render the fats on the inside of your chunk of food, but the heat is intense enough to give a nice all-over tan to the dish. Every holiday meal should be cooked this way.

**BROILING OR GRILLING**

500 to 900 for up to 15 minutes
While roasting and barbecuing are long, slow culinary courtships, grilling is more like a quick hump in the back of a Tercel. Only instead of herpes and a beautiful, unplanned child you call "asshole," you get a nicely blackened dish with a tasty center. Grilled meats taste especially great when consumed in a stadium parking lot.

**BABE**

1. SHOULDER
You ever seen a pig's shoulders? They're fatty like a pork version of Mike Ditka. This cut is too tough to fry, but it goes down good if braised slowly. Pulled-pork BBQ sandwiches come from here. And we know how you like to pull pork.

2. LOIN

The loin provides the tenderest cuts and is divided into three parts—the blade, a fatty part up near the shoulder; the sirloin, which is close to the rump and bony as Karen Carpenter on crystal meth; and the middle loin, which is pricey but delicious.

3. BELLY

The gut contains the spareribs. The rest of the belly is usually cured and smoked to create the thing that men will kill and die for: bacon. Just say it: bacon. It doesn't matter when you're reading this...right now you could go for some bacon, couldn't you?

4. LEG

This is where the hams, the hocks, and the knuckles come from. The leg is a huge, meaty cut that typically makes up 24 percent of the hog's total weight. Good cured and served with spicy brown mustard, it also makes a great roast.

A WORD ABOUT RIBS: We don't want to shock you, but back ribs and spareribs are two parts of the same damn rib. And "boneless ribs" aren't ribs at all—they're just extra loin muscle! Calling it a rib means more moolah for the butcher. And calling it "boneless loin" would kind of creep you out.

ASK US ANYTHING

Q Who would win a battle between Colonel Sanders and General Tso?



A Not even close. Harland Sanders made a tasty bird, but

Tso would cut a swath through his franchises, leaving nothing behind but the charred bodies of workers in stupid hats. General Tso

Tsungtang, born in 1812, was a merciless commander who crushed his enemies in the Nian Rebellion. By contrast, "Colonel" Sanders wore a white suit and fought in as many wars as George W. Bush.

Q Who invented the hot dog?



A The sausage goes back to ancient Babylon, but its mystery-meat cousin, the frankfurter, was invented in 1484, in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany. The modern dog-on-a-bun was probably

introduced in 1904 by Anton Feuchtwanger in St. Louis, and his meat rod evolved into today's beef-carcilage-sphincter dog that we now enjoy at major league ballparks every summer.





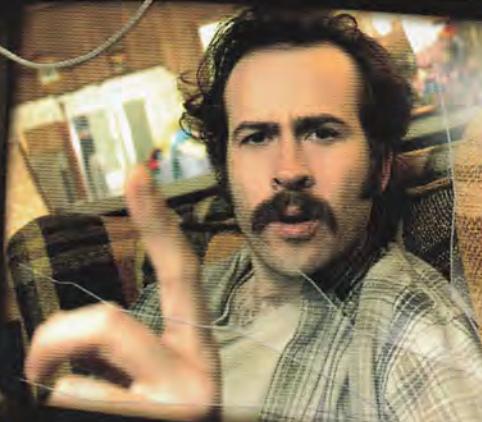
TV-DAY! INVASION OF THE NEW FALL SHOWS

Once again the major networks will carpet-bomb prime time with dozens of new programs that will be off the air by next fall. Incoming!

BY ERIC GILLIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY DONALD MILLER

FALL TV PREVIEW

MUST SEE!



> KARMA CHAMELEON

MY NAME IS EARL

The new TV math: White trash + lotto winner = comedic gold.

Airs: NBC, Tuesdays, 9 P.M.

Cast: Jason Lee, Ethan Suplee, Nadine Velazquez
Take a fat husband, add an inexplicably hot wife, divide them by a bunch of bratty kids, and you get the main reason that today's half-hour comedies are staler than the air blowing between Roseanne Barr's legs. That's why you need to watch *My Name Is Earl*, NBC's new show about a dirtbag criminal named Earl (played by Lee) who wins the lottery, gets hit by a car, and

realizes he needs to erase his karmic debt or else the rest of his life will be nothing more than empty packs of Winstons. So the dimwitted Earl sets out to right every wrong he's ever committed, eventually taking the boy he bullied as a child to a gay bar to pick up men. Sure, *Earl's* oddball *Raising Arizona*-with-a-dash-of-*Arrested Development* vibe may not attract giant audiences—but those people are too busy lamenting the coming end of *Will & Grace*.

PICTURE PERSONALS

Why flip channels when we've already figured out which shows you'll love this year?



If you came up with a sitcom called *All in the Family With Children* while building a bong from duct tape and a Habittrail... ...you'll love Fox's *The War at Home*, a new sitcom featuring Michael Rapaport as an offensive dad.



If the only thing you wanted in the divorce was your collection of hardcover Tom Clancy books... ...check out NBC's *E-Ring*, starring Benjamin Bratt and Dennis Hopper as Pentagon pals saving the world one procedural move at a time.



If you always get suckered into watching *The O.C.* by your manipulative girlfriend, only to discover you kind of dig it... ...man up for Fox's *Reunion*, a new soap that airs right after *The O.C.* and features three bangin' hotties for you to gawk at.



If you ever worked in a five-star kitchen where the staff was crazier than the Oakland Raiders... ...you'll appreciate Fox's *Kitchen Confidential*, where a fingertip gets cut off, plated with a zesty sauce, and accidentally served to a food critic.



If you're TiVo-ing all three *CSIs*, when you're not watching all those *Law & Orders*... ...get ready for more procedural nonsense with *Criminal Minds*, *Close to Home*, *Bones*, *The Gate*, *In Justice*, *The Evidence*, *The Unit*, *Just Legal*...



If you put down the 10-sided die and wonder why there aren't any good shows about reporters who investigate supernatural goings-on with a hot female sidekick... ...ABC's *The Night Stalker*, a remake of the 1970s cult classic, is for you.

> THE DEVIL'S IN THE DETAILS

TV SHOW INFERNOS

Would you rather spend eternity suffering like a soul in Dante's Inferno... or watch one of these shows?



FIRST CIRCLE OF HELL

PUNISHMENT IN THE INFERNOS

Feelings of despair and utter hopelessness that last for eternity.

SHOW

HOST WHISPERER

There are approximately four things worth watching on this show, and they're all attached to Jennifer Love Hewitt and Aisha Tyler. Everything else, especially its *Medium*-meets-*The Sixth Sense* premise, is instantly forgettable.



SECOND CIRCLE OF HELL

Caught in a terrible storm where high winds whip your flesh.

SHOW

SEX, LOVE & SECRETS

When the kids from *The O.C.* finally graduate high school, they'll probably move to Silver Lake, Hollywood's new hipsterville, and be on a show like this, where they'll continue to give teenage girls something to talk about during study hall.



THIRD CIRCLE OF HELL

Forced to lie in mud during a sewage storm while being guarded by Cerberus.

SHOW

LOVE, INC.

Need further proof that scripted TV is making a comeback against reality fodder? This show is all about a service that provides "wing women" who will hang out with you in public so you can bag more chicks. Ah, fiction is amusing, no?



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**MUST
SEE!**



> **3-2-1 CONTACT**

THRESHOLD

Smarter than X-Files, scarier than Anna Nicole, as addictive as Vicodin.

Airs: CBS, Fridays, 9 P.M.

Cast: Carla Gugino, Brent Spiner, Peter Dinklage This fall television executives developed a rather intense fetish for aliens (see sidebar). But while the idea of a room full of suit-wearing E.T. humpers is terrifying, it doesn't hold a candle to the chills produced by *Threshold*, the most genuinely creepy show since *Twin Peaks*. After the U.S. Navy discovers a UFO in the middle of the ocean, they call in a hot government analyst

(Gugino), who assembles a team of dorky experts, including a strippers-and-booze-loving midget with a taste for applied mathematics (duh, Dinklage) and the actor formerly known as Data. By the time the A-Plus Team finishes sorting through the fractal patterns and triple-helix DNA strands, spaceships exist in four dimensions, sailors are able to withstand bullets, scientists are having identical dreams about creepy crystal forests, and you'll be hooked.

LOST-ALIKES

Who needs new ideas when you can rip off Lost?

LOST



Airs: CBS, Fridays, 9 P.M.

Stars: Carla Gugino, Charles S. Dutton What it is: *Lost* with U.S. Navy officers, brainy scientists...and alien creatures.

Survey says: Freaky-deaky fun!

THRESHOLD



Airs: ABC, Wednesdays, 10 P.M.

Stars: William Fichtner, Eddie Cibrian What it is: *Lost* with extremely bad weather, a Floridian locale...and alien creatures.

Survey says: Good...and it's on after *Lost*.

INVASION



Airs: NBC, Mondays, 8 P.M.

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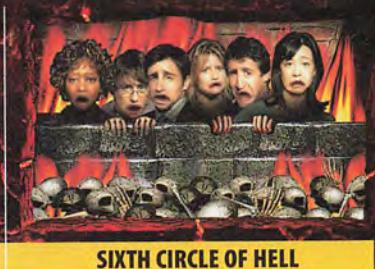
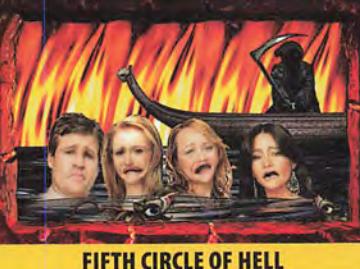
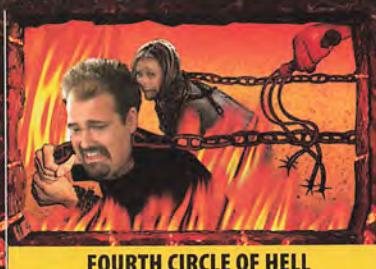
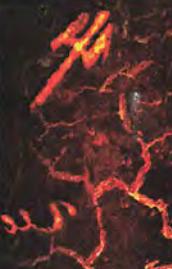
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> **TV SHOW INFERNOS CONTINUED...**



FOURTH CIRCLE OF HELL

PUNISHMENT IN THE INFERN

Condemned to perform useless labor over and over and over...

SHOW

THICK AND THIN

Watching this show, about a former fatie who becomes a hottie, is like being forced to answer the question "Am I fat?" ad nauseam until she's happy with your response or the sun explodes and consumes our world, whichever comes first.

FIFTH CIRCLE OF HELL

Fighting on the banks of the swampy river Styx, or bound beneath it.

HOT PROPERTIES

It's Friday night. And if you're sitting there watching four female real estate agents struggle to keep their love lives and careers on the right track, it might be time to reconsider some of your life choices. Namely, heterosexuality.

SIXTH CIRCLE OF HELL

Trapped in a flaming tomb with no hope of escape.

INCONCEIVABLE

There's nothing wrong with a show that gets her excited about making babies. But when that show is set in a fertility clinic where semen is a punch line instead of a snack, you'll be limper than the linguini in a hot school lunch.

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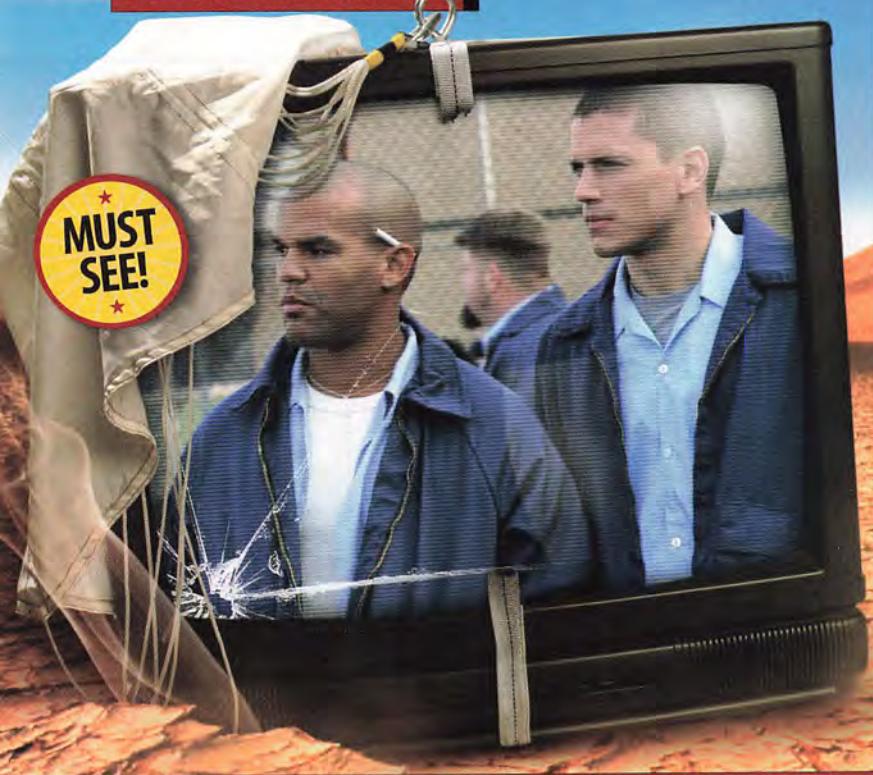
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FALL TV PREVIEW



> BORN FREE

PRISON BREAK

Sick of cops putting people in prison? Try this show about getting out.

Airs: Fox, Mondays, 9 P.M.

Cast: Wentworth Miller, Dominic Purcell, Robin Tunney

Lincoln Burrows (Purcell) is languishing on death row, convicted of a murder he swears he didn't commit. What's a convict to do? If you're pulling from the *Shawshank Redemption* playbook, Burrows has a few liberating beers with the guards and spends years chipping away at his cell wall. But Fox does the unexpected. Instead of Burrows breaking out, his younger

brother Michael (Miller) breaks in, robbing a bank at gunpoint to get sent to the same prison as his brother—all part of an elaborate plan to set him free. So what's Lincoln's plan? Since that's the central mystery behind the show, we don't want to give it away, but it might involve a set of blueprints, paper cranes dropped in the sewer system, and an inmate who may or may not be D.B. Cooper. If you've ever wondered what would happen if 24 was set in Oz, now you can stop wondering.

LOOK WHO'S WORKING!

Remember that guy from that show you loved as a kid—he'll be paying his electric bill this fall!



CHRIS O'DONNELL Head Cases (Fox)

He wore the smaller codpiece in that *Batman* movie, but now he's donning a suit and tie as a once-successful superstar attorney who has to team up with a low-rent lawyer to salvage his career. In other words, a big stretch.



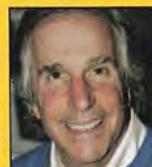
MARK LINN-BAKER Twins (The WB)

Since 1995, Baker has appeared in one TV movie...and that's it. But now that Balki Bartokomous is on *The Surreal Life*, it's fitting that his *Perfect Strangers* cousin, Larry Appleton, is back on TV. Now do the Mypos dance of joy!



NEIL PATRICK HARRIS

How I Met Your Mother (CBS) It's not easy being Doogie Howser. For years Harris tried everything to avoid being typecast as a genius teen—even starring in *Rent*. But now he's found his solution: playing an asshole.



HENRY WINKLER Out of Practice (CBS)

Happy days are here again for Winkler, who spent the past five years starring in movies that sounded like gay pornos (*I Shaved My Legs for This, Holes*). Now the former Fonz has traded his leather jacket for a doctor's white coat. A-a-a-y!



BRENT SPINER Threshold (CBS)

When the U.S. Navy discovers space aliens, they make another realization: Data from *Star Trek: The Next Generation* is not really a robot—he's a man named Brent Spiner who can play other roles...if they don't require facial expressions.



SARA GILBERT Twins (The WB)

Remember Darlene, *Roseanne*'s brainy, wise-cracking, dog-faced daughter whose sister was a hot, slightly dim blonde? She's back as a brainy, wise-cracking, dog-faced twin whose sister is a hot, slightly dim, blonde lingerie model.

> TV SHOW INFERNAL CONTINUED...

		SEVENTH CIRCLE OF HELL	EIGHTH CIRCLE OF HELL	NINTH CIRCLE OF HELL
PUNISHMENT IN THE INFERNAL	Submerged in boiling blood.	Pick one: whipped by devils, covered with filth, mutilated, or trapped in a snake pit.	Frozen in ice at the center of the Earth as Lucifer chews on your soul.	
SHOW	RELATED	COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF	THREE WISHES	
WHAT IT'S ABOUT	Four sisters share their lives and loves and hopes and dreams and pain with each other as you quietly figure out exactly how much she'll be entitled to when you divorce her during the third commercial break.	You know those "what's wrong with this picture" quizzes? If this show was one, you'd circle "the president is a woman" first, then "she's played by Geena Davis," while lamenting there's no such thing as <i>Tuesday Night Football</i> .	Each week Amy Grant grants three wishes to a needy town, which means that sad kid with a hole in his head finally gets a shiny new helmet and that lonely ice pick in the utility drawer will find a new home in your right eye. M	



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RACHEL BILSON

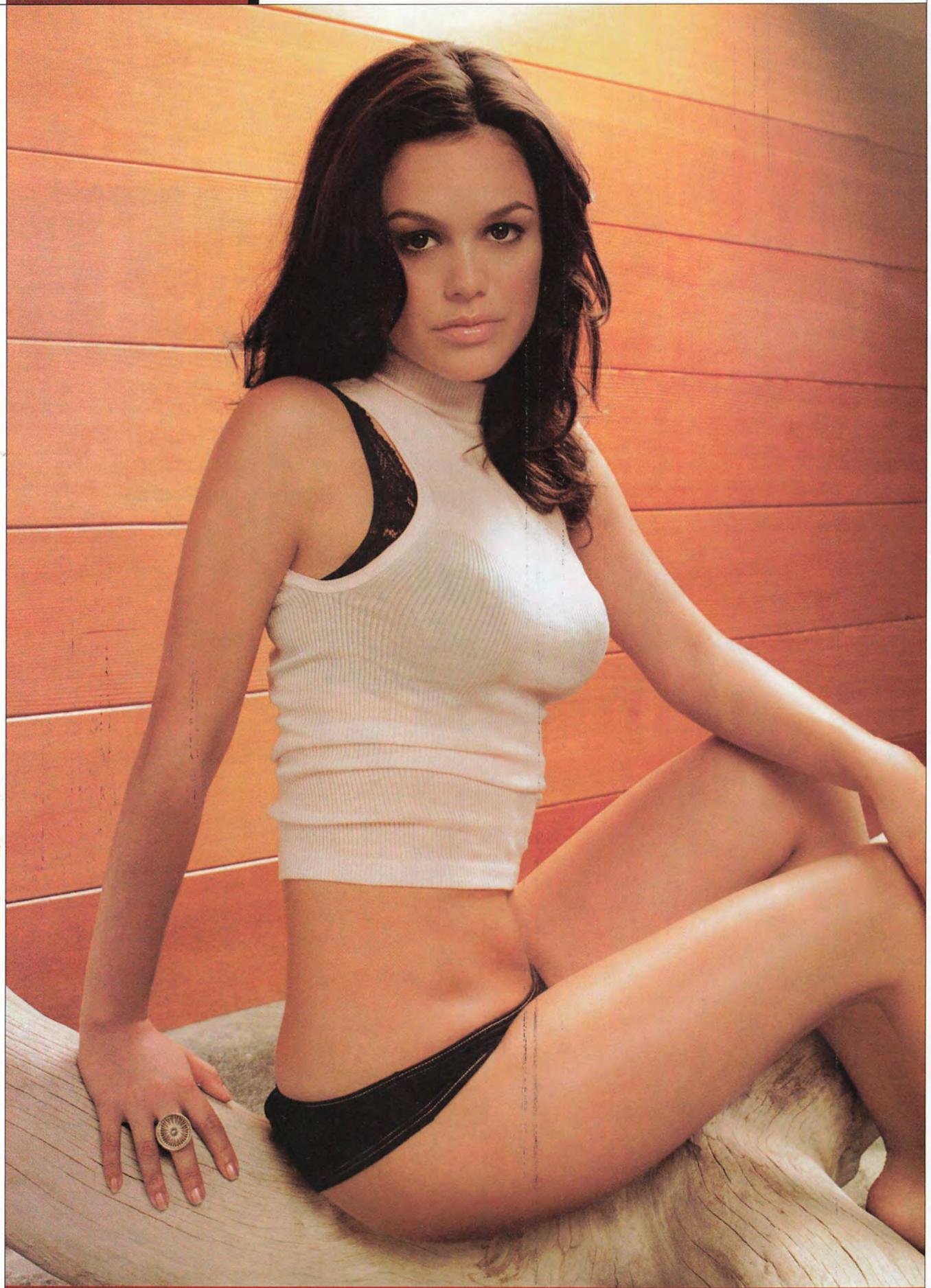


Endless SUMMER

September marks the return of *The O.C.* So keep your shades on, 'cause we're in for a lot more Summer, courtesy of the scorching Rachel Bilson.

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Sure, grown men aren't supposed to tune in to a teenybopper soap opera like *The O.C.*, but when the show features girl-on-girl action, more fistfights than a prison rec room, and Rachel Bilson strutting around in a bikini, we have no problem putting it on our TiVo Season Pass.

And while moneyed violence and gratuitous lesbianism are fun, the highlight of *The O.C.* for any *Maxim* reader can only be the man-eating party girl Summer. Coming in late? Here's all you need to know about your future favorite character. In the first season, she fell for the resident comic book nerd, Seth Cohen (played by Adam Brody), risking her reputation as Miss Popular. But guess what? Seth split town, and Summer went wild with a water-polo-playing boy toy, whom she eventually kicked to the curb after a repentant Seth returned home. OK, we deny just saying all that.

Back to the hotness.

Already we've seen Rachel squeeze herself into a Wonder Woman costume as well as a hot little number called the Little Miss Vixen. And if *O.C.* creator Josh Schwartz has his way ("He likes to dress me up—it's fun as long as you can make fun of yourself"), Rachel may well be donning Lycra again for season three, which kicks off this month.

Rachel has come a long way since appearing in Raisin Bran commercials and the Cub Scout comedy *The Wrong Guys*, which starred Louie Anderson and more washed-up comedians than the dais of a Friars Club Roast for Howie Mandel. But after her guest spots on *That '70s Show* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, the folks at Fox—who know talent when they see it—asked her to audition for the part of Summer. It was a role she was born to play.

The daughter of a screenwriter, Rachel grew up in the Valley, attended Notre Dame High School with Kirsten Dunst, and loves chowing down on Taco Bell and greasy burgers. ("I think the Atkins thing has gotten way out of hand.") The junk-food-lovin' cutie has been keeping busy the past few months, spending her summer in Wisconsin filming *The Last Kiss* with Zach Braff and Casey Affleck. But that's OK. Though fall is closing in and the days are getting shorter, these photos don't lie: Summer's back, and things are about to start heating up again. **M**



MAXIM'S

FIRST ANNUAL TV AWARDS



Sure, television causes brain rot, but is that any reason not to celebrate our cyclopean master? Thousands of you voted online to help us pick the best stuff on the small screen. Congrats, winners.

BAD COP!



FAVORITE MALE CHARACTER

WINNER: JACK BAUER, 24

In 24 hours, Kiefer Sutherland's counter-terrorism character has thwarted assassinations, freed kidnap victims, and stopped a thermonuclear holocaust, never once stopping to eat, sleep, or take a whiz. Kind of puts your "long day at work" into perspective, no?

2ND PLACE: VIC MACKEE, THE SHIELD

3RD PLACE: AL SWARENGEN, DEADWOOD



FUNNIEST COMEDY

WINNER: ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

Sure, it doesn't have a laugh track, sets, or a whole lot of viewers, but the nation's 122nd most popular show does have five Emmy Awards and a fan base so rabid they single-handedly stopped Fox from canceling it. Now, if only they'd mobilize against *According to Jim*.

2ND PLACE: SCRUBS **3RD PLACE:** THE SIMPSONS



BEST COMMERCIAL

WINNER: BURGER KING, "TENDERCRISP BACON CHEDDAR RANCH"

Yep, that was the lead singer of Hootie & the Blowfish in a purple cowboy outfit, singing a cover of "Big Rock Candy Mountain" to sell chicken sandwiches, with scantily clad women dancing behind him. Catchy tune, too.

2ND PLACE: GEICO, "GECKO ROBOT"

3RD PLACE: MILLER LITE, "TASTE LOSS"



BEST SPORTS BROADCASTER

WINNER: CHRIS BERMAN

He might be the nickname machine who came up with Bert "Be Home" Blyeven, but Berman's insightful football analysis on ESPN's Sunday *NFL Countdown* and booming voice are the best things to happen to Sunday since God decided to take the day off.

2ND PLACE: JOHN MADDEN

3RD PLACE: BOB COSTAS



KING OF LATE NIGHT

WINNER: CONAN O'BRIEN

This red-headed wunderkind tops the list for doing something truly groundbreaking—hosting a late-night show where the jokes, skits, and monologues are actually funny! No wonder he's going to be the next host of *The Tonight Show*. Now get a goddamn haircut, college boy.

2ND PLACE: DAVID LETTERMAN **3RD PLACE:** JON STEWART



WORST SHOW ON TV

WINNER: AMERICAN IDOL

Why watch desperate, talentless wannabes butcher karaoke songs two nights a week, every week, for months on end, when there's a perfectly good hotel bar up the street where people are doing the exact same thing and slurring their words to boot?

2ND PLACE: 7TH HEAVEN

3RD PLACE: JOEY

BEST FEMALE CHARACTER

WINNER: SYDNEY

BRISTOW, ALIAS

It's a good thing Jennifer Garner's sexy superspy is fictional, or else guys from all over the world would be coming out of the woodwork with crazy threats against the government just so they could have the pleasure of getting their ass kicked by her.

2ND PLACE:

GABRIELLE SOLIS, DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

3RD PLACE: KATE AUSTIN, LOST

HOT SPY!



MOST ADDICTIVE REALITY SHOW

WINNER: THE AMAZING RACE

Eating a giant cockroach might nab you a free vacation on some shows, but winning *The Amazing Race* will score you \$1 million and legions of obsessive fans, who watched you trek across five continents with nothing but a backpack and your harpy of an ex-wife.

2ND PLACE: SURVIVOR

3RD PLACE: AMERICAN IDOL



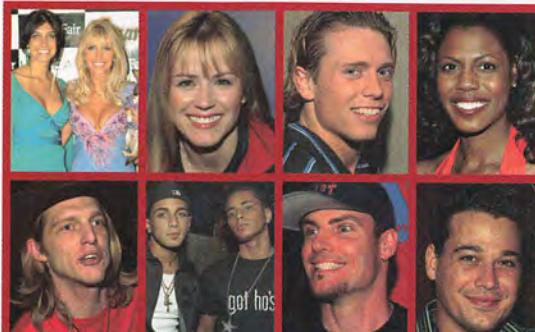
MOST ANNOYING REALITY SHOW CONTESTANT

WINNER: ALL OF THEM

Five years ago *Hollywood Squares* was the place where washed-up celebrities went to cling to their past glories like a rat on a piece of cheese in a hurricane. Today there are entire networks devoted to them.

2ND PLACE: OMAROSA, THE APPRENTICE

3RD PLACE: BOSTON ROB, SURVIVOR: MARQUESAS



BEST MUSIC VIDEO

WINNER: 50 CENT, "CANDY SHOP"

The fact that MTV plays the same eight videos 56 times a day for months at a time used to be a bad thing. That is, until they started airing this 50 Cent joint, which features so many, er, bitches, your dog keeps trying to hump the television set.

2ND PLACE: SYSTEM OF A DOWN, "B.Y.O.B."

3RD PLACE: GWEN STEFANI, "RICH GIRL"



BEST INFOMERCIAL

WINNER: RONCO SHOWTIME OVEN

Just set it... and forget the next 30 minutes of your life, which will be sucked away by the hypnotic Ron Popeil, who somehow makes you want to watch the commercial over and over again, as visions of well-roasted chicken and falling prices dance in your head.

2ND PLACE: MAGIC BULLET BLENDER

3RD PLACE: GIRLS GONE WILD



BEST PERSONALITY ON TV

WINNER: JON STEWART

Unlike other comedians, who coast for years on one breakout performance (Chris Tucker, cough), Jon Stewart is funny every day, writing and hosting *The Daily Show*. That is, when he's not giving a verbal beat-down to that bow-tied turbo weener Tucker Carlson.

2ND PLACE: HOMER SIMPSON

3RD PLACE: KIEFER SUTHERLAND

TV AWARDS



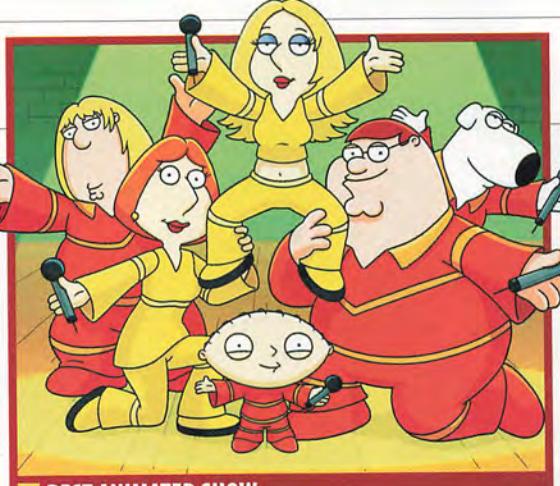
MOST COMPELLING DRAMA

WINNER: 24

Jack Bauer has exactly 24 hours to save the world from an unspeakable horror, and each week you get one hour closer to see exactly how he's going to do it. Because, in the end, the only thing that's stopping Bauer ain't those wily terrorists—it's the closing credits.

2ND PLACE: CSI

3RD PLACE: The Shield



BEST ANIMATED SHOW

WINNER: FAMILY GUY

The best most sitcom families do these days is amuse you into arching an eyebrow, but *Family Guy*'s nonstop barrage of one-liners (usually delivered by the demonic baby, Stewie) and twisted pop culture gags induce the kind of laughter usually reserved for funerals.

2ND PLACE: THE SIMPSONS 3RD PLACE: SOUTH PARK



MOST IRRITATING SPORTSCASTER

WINNER: JOHN MADDEN

After years of trotting out the same tired catch phrases ("Boom!") and obvious observations ("He really hit him that time!"), the only difference between the real John Madden and the video game John Madden is the digital version has more to say.

2ND PLACE: DICK VITALE

3RD PLACE: BILL WALTON



FUNNIEST REALITY TV MOMENT

WINNER: VERNE TROYER DRUNK

The lunar landing, the O.J. Simpson verdict, the fall of the Berlin Wall—all of all the moments TV has captured, none can surpass the sight of a completely wasted Mini Me riding buck naked on his scooter on *The Surreal Life* and pissing in a corner.

2ND PLACE: ASHLEE SIMPSON LIP-SYNCS

3RD PLACE: SYLVESTER STALLONE SPARS



MOST UNDERRATED CABLE NETWORK

WINNER: FX

In just over 10 years, FX has morphed from a glorified public access channel, airing moldy oldies like *Hart to Hart*, to a home for original, edgy fare like *The Shield*, *Nip/Tuck*, and *Rescue Me*. It's not TV, and it's not HBO, but it's just as good...and cheaper, too!

2ND PLACE: Spike TV

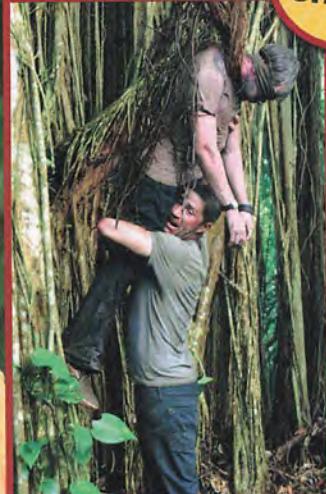
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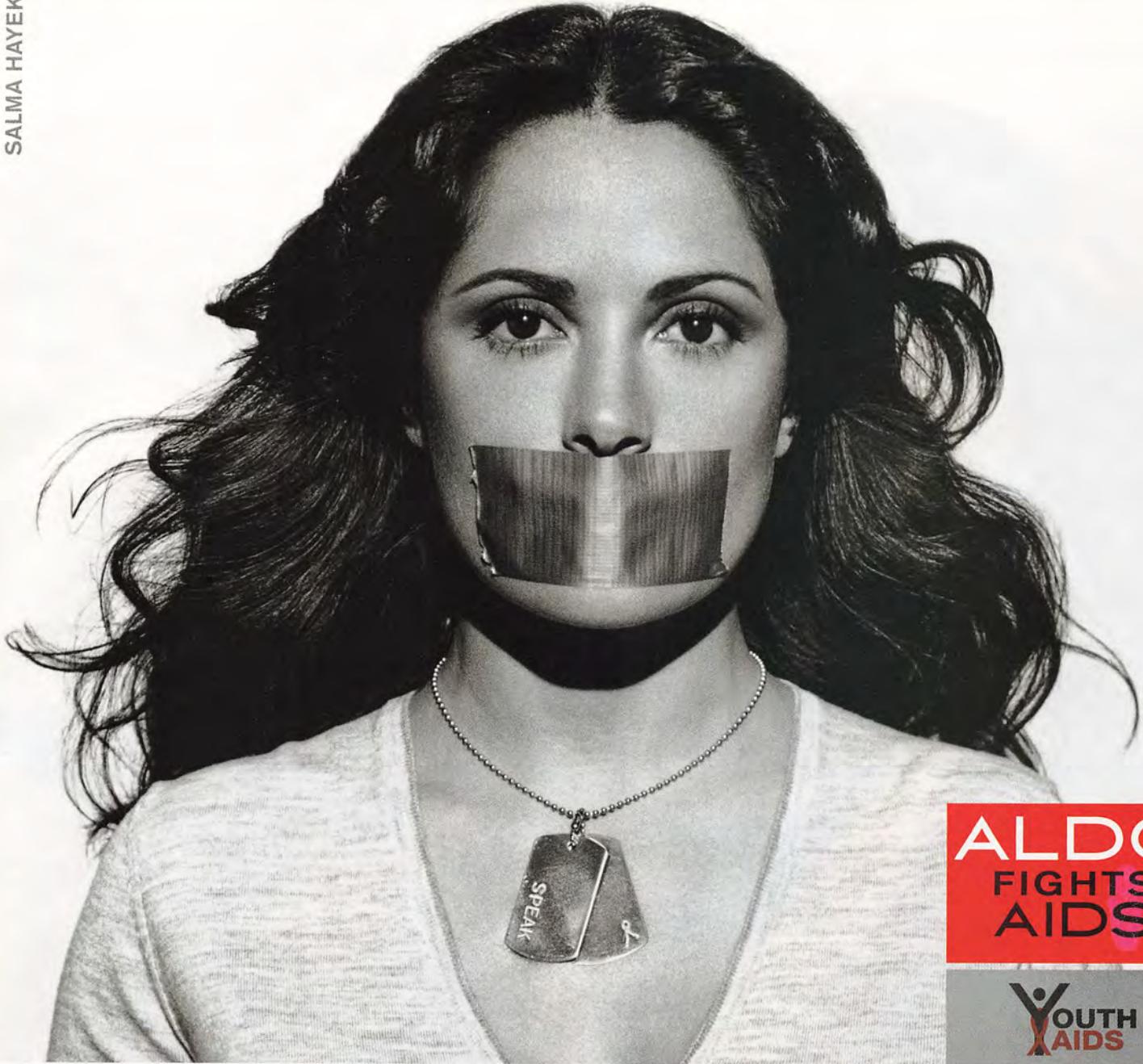


NO. 1 SHOW!

WINNER: LOST

Before *Lost* came along, television's idea of a gripping desert island mystery was whether or not Gilligan and the Skipper could build a viable raft. But J.J. Abrams' gripping show about plane crash survivors on a remote island changed all that, weaving multiple story lines across a cast of characters so large that many viewers get lost each and every episode. But even if you don't have a clue what's going on half the time, that's what makes this thriller so engrossing—not that watching the Professor make a radio from coconuts was dull.





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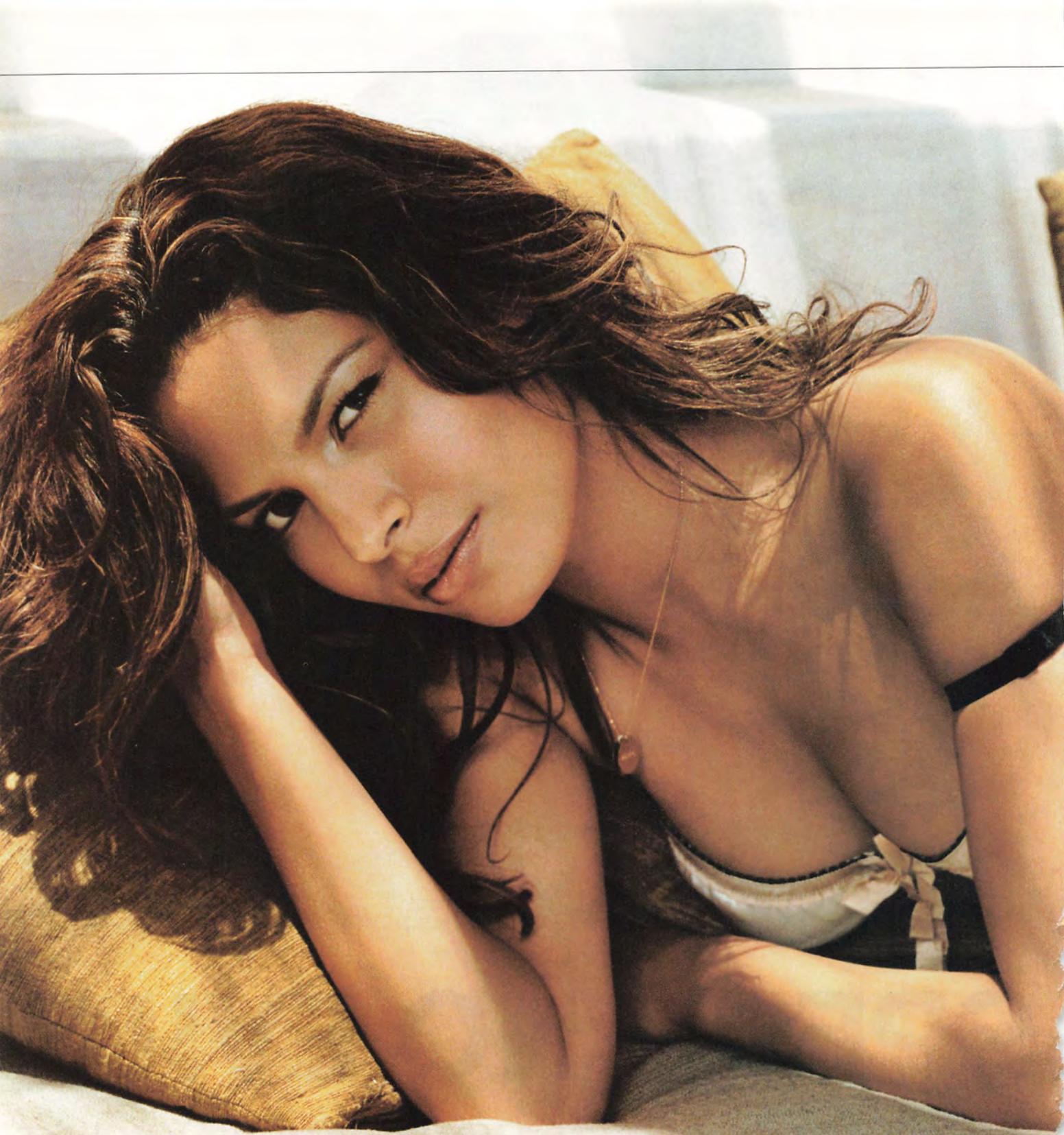
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MAID ~~to~~ ORDER



In the new sitcom *My Name Is Earl*, Chicago-born Puerto Rican-American Nadine Velazquez plays a sexy hotel maid. Book a room, turn down the sheets, and hang the DO NOT DISTURB sign on the knob.

BY MATT CHRISTENSEN PHOTOGRAPHS BY NINO MUÑOZ

Where were you when you found out you got the *Earl* part?

Right at the audition. The creator approached me and said, "You're the girl!"

Everyone started clapping. It was one of those moments that'll probably never happen again.

Was getting your first gig as exciting?

My first gig was a McDonald's commercial. I got to say, "Welcome to McDonald's." That's when I knew I'd made it.

Since then you've been a badass in *Biker Boyz* and *The Last Ride*. Are you some kind of adrenaline junkie?

Not really. Hot cars are nice to look at, but if I'm in one and it's going really fast, I visualize my whole death: the car flipping, the gas leak, the explosion, myself screaming. I think of my family and all the things I didn't get to say to them.

Let's hope you're a good driver.

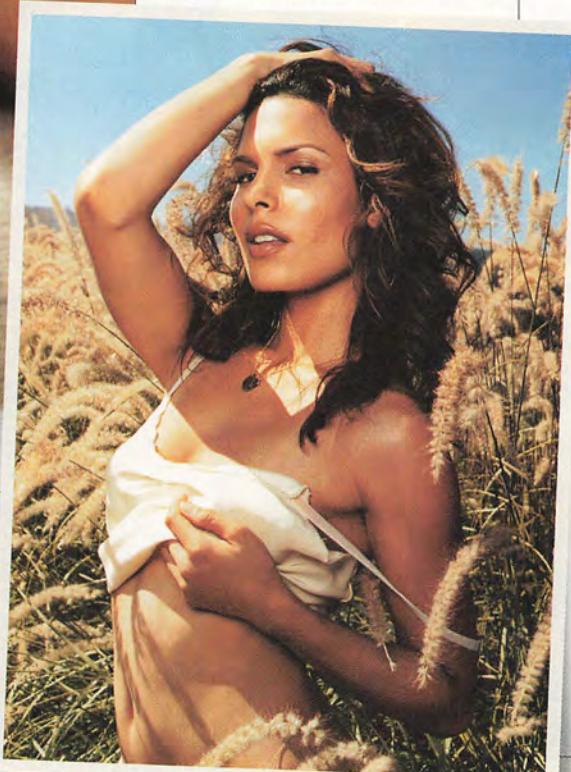
I'm awful! I've run into my garage. I ran into a tree in my driveway. I literally get in the car, pull out of the garage, and think, *focus*.

Fast-food commercials, feature films... next come nude scenes, right?

I'd do a nude scene if the character was challenging, not just the naked girlfriend.

You seem pretty tough to upset. What does it take to get you angry?

Anything having to do with my family. I stick up for them like an animal. One time my father was at the hospital with me when I was younger. This woman who looked like a man was headed to the women's room; he thought she was a man, so he went to stop her. Anyway, her friend turned around and yelled, "She's a woman!" ▶





and cursed at my father. I went nuts. I got in her face, defending my father, saying I was going to kick her ass.

All in a hospital gown, too. Any other times you've come to the rescue?

I got kicked out of a club for sticking up for my sister. And I got into a fight that was basically hair-pulling and rolling around on the gym floor. The fights make me sound like a hell-raiser, but I'm not proud of them.

Hooray for all-girls Catholic schools!

No. School was miserable. It was like you going to an all-boys school. Imagine that.

The uniforms just don't seem as sexy.

Our uniforms were the standard deal, but each grade had a different one. Sophomore year was my favorite. I cut my skirt really short, and my girlfriend and I got into wearing really bizarre stockings. Fishnets, polka dots, checkered, even stockings with little cartoon characters on them.

'I cut my skirt really short and got into wearing really bizarre stockings.'

What other sexy duds are lucky enough to call your body home?

The sexiest thing I own is a pair of Prada panties. They're silky and beige with brown. The beige is up front and the brown is in the back.

Beige and brown aren't the same color?

Go figure. How does a guy make the first step toward seeing your panti, er, smile?

If a guy is too aggressive, that's a turn off. And if a guy is too sloppy, with bad breath or untrimmed nose hair. Or too pretty, talking about how his skin is softer than mine. How is that supposed to turn me on?

How do you give the brush-off to guys whose nose hairs breach their nostrils?

I just walk away if I can. Sometimes I'll go shopping, and I'll have to walk out of the store, which is pretty annoying. If I have to say "no" more than twice, I get upset.

Any other "wax-offs" for guys?

Bad lines. One time this guy said, "Damn, you fine!" Then he said, "Can I take you to lunch? My treat." I'm thinking, *You offer to take me out to lunch, and I'm gonna split it?* No, you're buying me lunch. It's already assumed.

At least you get hit on. How can lesser women solicit such dubious lunch offers?

Be natural. Use what God gave you.

Easy for you to say. God didn't give you a big schnoz and Milk Duds for breasts.

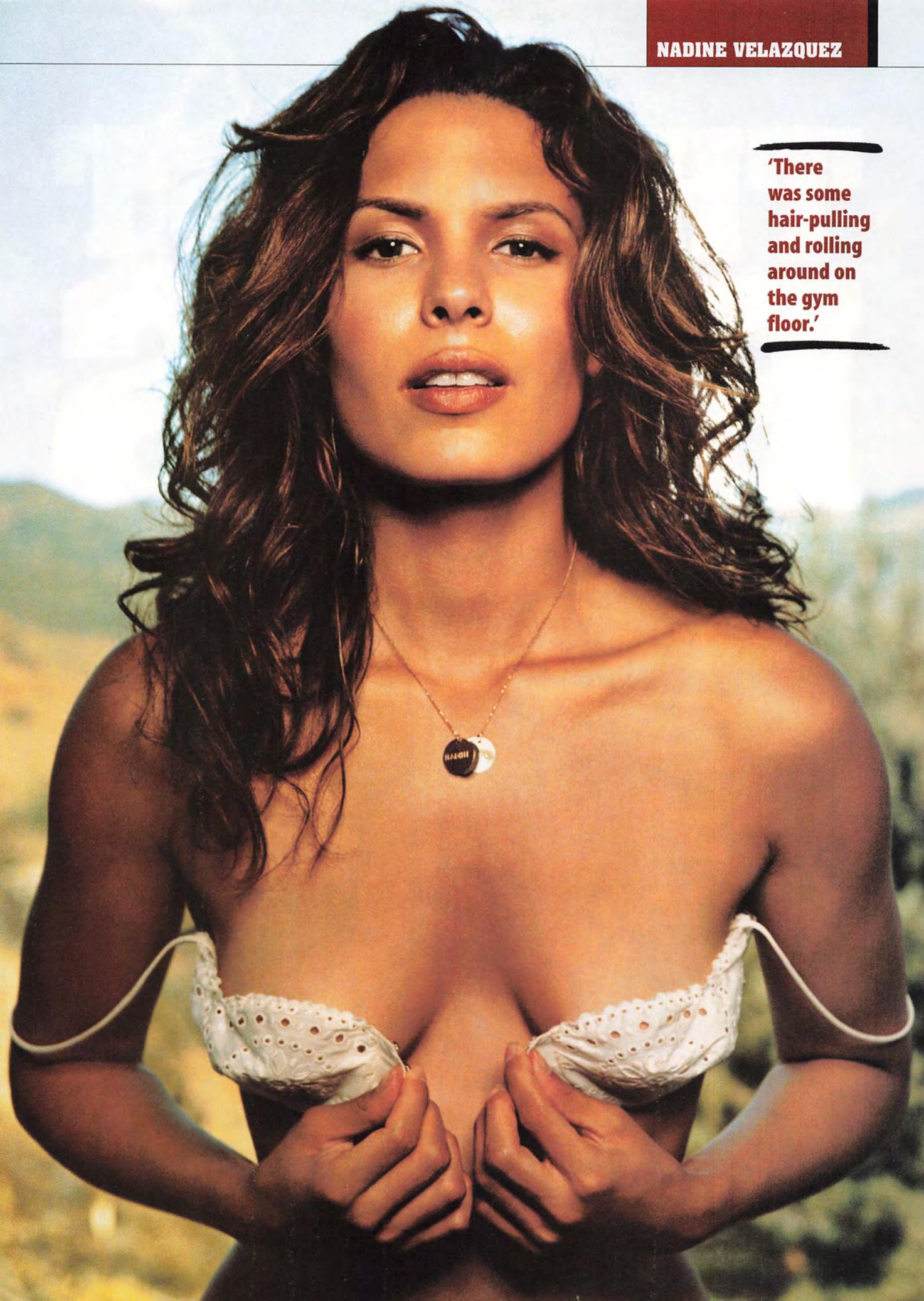
For anyone who's thinking about surgery because they're caught up in what they're "supposed to look like," I say don't do it. There's no need to be what you're not supposed to be. ☑



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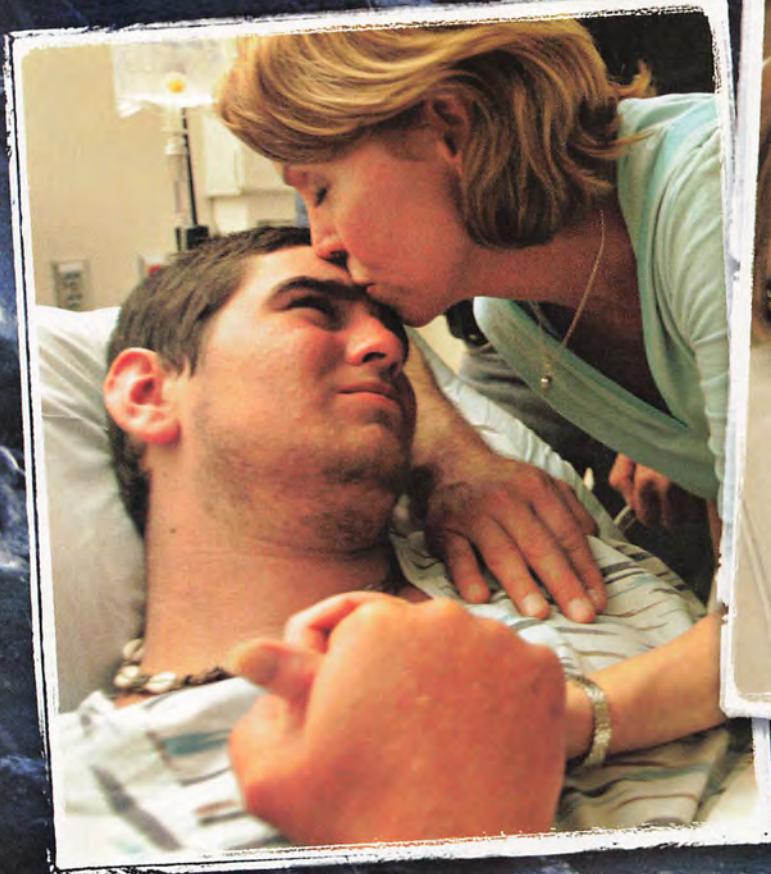
For exclusive photos of Nadine, check out maximonline.com.

'There
was some
hair-pulling
and rolling
around on
the gym
floor.'



THE LOST BOYS

For six days Josh Long and Troy Driscoll drifted in the Atlantic Ocean without food or water. They thought they were heading for Africa. They prayed to be taken to heaven. The only place they passed through was hell.





The rip currents off Sullivan's Island in South Carolina are strong enough to pull history. In 1776, 2,000 British soldiers learned this the hard way when they tried to attack the rebel American position at Fort Moultrie by wading across the inlet that separates Sullivan's Island from its neighbor, the Isle of Palms. Halfway across the inlet, the currents grew so treacherous that the British, fearful of being swept out to sea, were forced to retreat. Fort Moultrie was never taken, and to this day signs bearing skulls and crossbones warn swimmers of the cost of tempting the currents.

Josh Long, 17, and Troy Driscoll, 15, didn't know the history of Sullivan's currents when they headed to the island to go fishing on a Sunday morning, last April 24. As a pair of casual young fishermen, they certainly couldn't have guessed they would soon inspire one of the largest coastal search-and-rescue efforts in South Carolina history and make headlines across the world.

The best friends from nearby North Charleston wanted nothing more than to use their JY15 sailboat to fish off the eastern shore of Sullivan's Island, only a few hundred yards from the inlet. Since they were planning to be out for only a few hours, they didn't bother telling anyone their destination when they left that morning, towing the boat behind Josh's Ford Explorer.

It was almost noon when they reached Station 30, the road that ends at the spot where they wanted to launch. As they lowered the 15-foot-long, six-foot-wide, 275-pound boat into the water, the protected inlet appeared glassy and calm. But out to sea, whitecaps dotted blown-out, ragged waves. The National Weather Service had already issued a small-craft advisory.

The boys were unaware of the advisory, but even so they intended to stay close to shore, nesting the boat between the beach and a sand bar 50 yards straight out. Before they shoved off, Troy ran back to the truck for bait. Worried his cell phone would get wet, he pulled it out of his pocket and left it in the truck. It was one of those routine decisions a person makes hundreds of times a day—but this one would have a major impact on the boys' lives.

Back on the beach, the pair pushed the sailboat into the shallows. It was their first run on the boat, a battered hand-me-down from Josh's uncle. It didn't matter to them that it didn't have a mast or sail; it was a boat, good enough for fishing. And since it was a work in progress, they had jokingly painted the name *Under Construction* on the hull. They weren't even sure what kind of boat it was. Someone had mistakenly told them it was a Sunfish.

The tide was moving out quickly, and as



The JY15 made the SS Minnow look like the Queen Mary

Teens survive sharks and no water in Atlantic miracle

Six days on the deadly ocean in 14-ft. boat



Sunfish like the one in which pals Josh Long and Troy Driscoll made their death-defying Atlantic Ocean.

Josh Long (below) and Troy Driscoll (top) get some TLC from their inventors

Under Construction made for the bar, it hit a surprisingly powerful torrent of water flowing from the inlet's throat. Before they had a chance to bait a hook, the boys realized the current was pulling them past the bar toward the tumbling sea. Leaning into their oars, they tried to fight back to the beach, but the current was severe.

"In 10 minutes the whole beach went to hell," Josh would later say. "As soon as we got in that rip current, I could tell we were in trouble."

With their view of shore growing smaller, they decided to swim for it. Not about to abandon *Under Construction* on its maiden voyage, Josh lashed himself to the boat, thinking he could haul it in like a draught horse. Easing over the narrow gunwales, the boys began freestyle swimming for the beach. But swimming against the current was hopeless work. Josh remembered something his grandfather once told him: Always stay with the boat. Moments later they climbed back aboard, exhausted and at a loss.

They'd been out barely 20 minutes, and already the shore was so far away that the few people they could see on the beach were just blurry ants. They waved and began to scream for help. Not a head on the beach turned.

THE SEARCH BEGINS

By nightfall family members were concerned. It wasn't like the boys to be out late. Tony Driscoll, Troy's father, called the local Coast Guard at 10:30 P.M., but he had little information to give. He didn't even know where the boys had launched.

"What kind of craft were they in?" asked the

dispatcher. A Sunfish "or something similar" was the only thing anyone had heard the boys call it.

Early Monday morning, the Coast Guard called back: A cell phone company had traced the signal from Troy's phone to within a seven-mile radius of a tower in downtown Charleston. It wasn't much to go on, but it was a start.

At least they're together, thought Tony Driscoll. He knew there was no better friend for his son to have with him than Josh. They'd known each other for 10 years. Troy spent so much time at the Longs' that the joke was the Longs had a rent-a-son, though the two looked nothing alike. Troy was blond and shorter than Josh, who was dark, with thick black eyebrows. The younger boy, a chatty jester, looked up to his older friend, who was more the big brother, protector type. Almost every weekend they got together to fish, camp, or shoot squirrels. Wherever they were, their parents knew they were looking after each other like brothers.

In fact, they were looking after each other like desperate castaways. Out to sea, they huddled within the boat's three-by-four-foot hold. Josh was in severe pain, having fallen and badly jammed his pinkie and fourth finger far into his hand. After riding the current all Sunday, during which time the coast remained tantalizingly within sight, they spent the evening bailing water. When night came they shared a single wet suit for warmth and waited for dawn.

LOST AT SEA

With no land in sight and their bellies aching, the pair began their second day on the water. They fought off fear by keeping watch for passing boats. Then, almost as if it had been conjured from their minds, they spotted one. Chugging along 500 yards away was what looked like a tugboat. They began screaming and waving their oars. As the ship neared them, they exchanged high fives in celebration ►



Bigger fish tales were to come

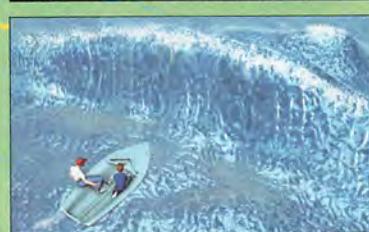
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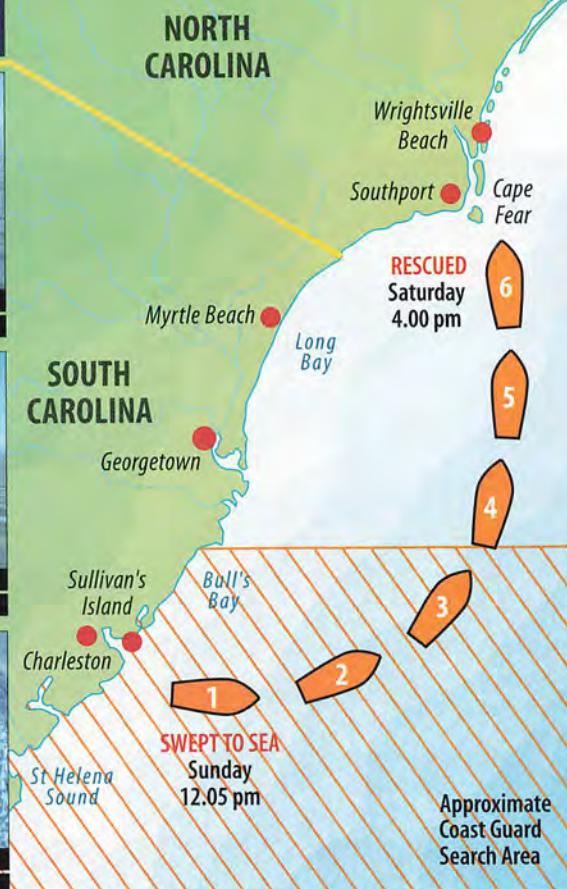
Day 1: Within 20 minutes, the riptide drags the boys impossibly far from shore.



Day 2: They scream like wild men, but a tugboat's crew remains oblivious.



Day 3: High seas rock the boat, tossing most of their gear overboard.



Day 4: The boys cool off in the water, but sharks chase them back to the boat.



Day 5: A terrifying encounter with a container ship nearly capsizes the tiny craft.



Day 7: Eighteen miles offshore, fishermen haul in the boys, mere hours from death.

of their imminent rescue. But the tug continued on right past them, its crew totally oblivious.

Troy smacked an oar in frustration. Without a sail or even a mast, their profile on the rolling water was too low to be spotted. To passing craft they were just another ephemeral dash in a whitecapped sea.

"We could die out here, and I haven't even finished high school," Troy said to Josh.

Despite the negatives, they had some things working in their favor. For starters, they were sure that by now a search for them would have been organized. (In fact, Josh's truck had been found, giving the Coast Guard a center point for its search.) They had fishing poles, tackle, and bait, so they could catch fish. Troy even considered eating some of the bait—frozen chum they'd picked up at Wal-Mart—but the smell repulsed him. They weren't that desperate yet.

The boys kept their minds busy by talking about their families, playing paintball in the neighborhood, the movie *Open Water*, goofy things they'd done. "We joked around," said Troy. "We tried to make the best of the worst."

At other times a dark mood would fall over them and they'd sit for up to two hours without saying a word, with only the sound of water slapping against the hull for distraction. "I don't want to talk to nobody," Josh told his friend. "I just want to sit and think."

And because they were low-country boys raised on strong religion, they wasted no time getting down to business with Jesus. They wondered aloud what He had in mind for them. Most of all they prayed, or sang worship songs such as "Our God Is an Awesome God."

Those of lesser faith might have questioned

The data could be read only one way: The boys were dead.

whether anybody up there was listening. That night the wind and seas picked up, tossing the boat like a cork. They bailed water, a brutal job for Josh, whose injured hand was now nearly totally disabled. Waves washed over them, sweeping away their bait and tackle box. Unless it rained or fish jumped into the boat, they no longer had any way of obtaining food. In frustration they tossed their fishing poles over the side.

THE SEARCHERS

By Tuesday more than 100 Coast Guard personnel were committed to what had become one of the most thorough coastal search-and-rescue missions in South Carolina history. Hundreds of volunteers from across the state were scouring the beaches for any evidence of the boys.

ASK US ANYTHING

Q How can I navigate at sea with no land in sight?

A Mariners of old didn't just swear better than you; they also knew how to haul a load of gunpowder from England to India using only the North Star, a sextant, and a nautical chart. But since celestial navigation is too much to expect from

a guy who gets clutter-fucked by MapQuest, these tricks could be your only hope. You might not be too far from shore, so locate those fluffy white things (a.k.a. clouds). They tend to form over land. Also, if you spot a bird with

something in its beak, follow him—he's got food and is likely heading back to his crib on terra firma to eat it. Still nothing in sight but your watery grave? The sun rises in the east, so if you launched in Cali, follow that angry red meatball east to the nearest fish taco stand, grab some breakfast, and call a press conference.



Man-eating raft terrorizes coast

Shortly after the cell phone signal led searchers to Josh's truck, a Coast Guard plane dropped a GPS tracking buoy four miles off Sullivan's Island. Controllers at Charleston headquarters fed its drift course into a computer, along with data on boat type, wind direction, and other variables. The program came back with a suggested search grid: 1,300 square miles, between Bull's Bay, about 30 miles north of Charleston, and Hilton Head, 50 miles to the south. A C-130 search plane, helicopters, and a Coast Guard cutter began working the grid around the clock, along with assorted small boats, a motley Dunkirk-like armada assembled by concerned residents.

But local boaters who knew the coastal waters began to question the grid. Some believed the boys had most likely drifted up the coast instead of down, yet the grid ran 20 miles farther to the south than to the north. The Coast Guard later explained the grid made sense for a Sunfish, which is what they were searching for. Family members of both boys asked the Coast Guard about looking farther north. The response they received couldn't have been more alarming: The Coast Guard was suspending the search.

Sea survival models are based on multiple factors—currents, weather conditions, the kind of clothing people have on, a person's weight. One of the most critical factors is craft type, and a Sunfish is basically a surfboard with a sail. It offers no protection from the elements. As far



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SURVIVAL SCHOOL

At the rescue party
(l to r): Smith, Driscoll,
Long, and DeGutis



as the Coast Guard knew, the boys had been totally exposed to 62-degree water for two days. It was data even the most optimistic search expert could interpret only one way.

The boys were dead.

"Without life jackets or provisions, we actually searched beyond the survival rate for that type of boat and conditions," Bobby Nash of the U.S. Coast Guard 7th District explained.

THE LONGEST DAYS

By Wednesday morning, lack of food and water had transformed the boys into the living dead. Mid-70s temperatures stoked a thirst that had built to agonizing extremes after 72 hours without water (not counting a few puddles they'd slurped off the bottom of the boat after a brief rainstorm). Far into the Atlantic, the murky coastal waters had given way to a clear, neon

Finger-Pointing Starts in S.C. Sea Rescue

Teens, Coast Guard Faulted for Actions

By MANUEL ROIG-FRANZIA
For Post Staff Writer

is over. Now for the
family...



'I could die here, and I'm not even finished with high school.'

aqua. That looks like Cool Blue Gatorade, Troy thought, staring at the tempting water. "Can I drink just a little bit?" he asked Josh.

The seawater was as deadly as it was tempting. Drinking it would cause them to lose more water than they were gaining.

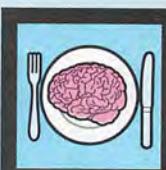
"If you drink it, you'll die," Josh told Troy.

Instead, they gargled seawater to wet their mouths, talked about Mountain Dew, and took turns hanging off the side of the boat to stay cool. Then one of them noticed a fast-moving shape in the water below. Like something from a

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Stuck at sea with no means of sustenance? You may need to resort to extreme measures.



GET IN THE ZONE

The horror of chomping human flesh takes some psychological numbing, but let your survival instinct take over and pounce quickly on the dearly departed—there's a fine line between ready and rotten.



PICK YOUR CUT

Using glass shards, survivors of a 1972 Andes plane crash cut strips of buttocks from the dead and jerked them in the sun. "Ass muscle is like steak," says a doctor who wishes to remain anonymous.



EAT HEARTY

"The vital organs are highest in nutritional value," advises Dr. Anonymous. The Andes survivors prized the liver for its vitamin-rich goodness, but the heart and spleen are as good as energy bars.



OPEN WIDE

Not sure where to dig in? Easy to yank out, the liver hangs just below the rib cage in the right quadrant of the abdomen. To get to the heart, crack open the rib cage or reach up through the diaphragm.



FIND FINGER FOOD

Sailors from the sunken whale ship Essex in 1820 stuffed their pockets with marrow-filled finger bones to nosh on. The Andes survivors crisped fat in the sun to add flavor. Bon voyage and bon appétit!



bad movie, the dorsal fin of a shark sliced the surface of the water just in front of them. From then on, every time one of them got in the water, it was only a matter of time before a mako or blacktip shark cruised in to investigate.

Once, when Josh was dangling half his body over the side, a six-foot mako sneaked up, coming within feet before Troy jumped up and scared it away. "If he wanted to, he could have easily had me," a stunned Josh exclaimed to his friend.

A while later Troy spotted the nebulous shrouds of a jellyfish drifting near the boat. "I'm gonna try and eat one," he said. Josh used his baseball cap as a net and scooped up a jellyfish. Troy ripped off a chunk of slimy flesh and

swallowed it. The taste made him gag, but he kept it down. By the next day he was eating jellyfish by the hatful.

They passed the long hours trying to guess their whereabouts. Troy was under the impression they were headed for Africa—4,000 miles away—and Josh joked that he'd make them drink out of coconuts if that's where they wound up.

Thursday was a breaking point for both boys, especially Troy. Unlike Josh, he didn't have a hat, and during the hotter days he'd stripped to his boxers to stay cool. He was now severely sunburned, with damage not only to his surface skin but also to the softer layers beneath. Blisters all over his upper body gave him constant pain. His lips and tongue were parched white. He rallied in the morning, scavenging more jellyfish, but his spirit was sapped after a container ship nearly overran them. "It was the first time I got mad at God in my life," Troy would later admit. "I asked, 'Why me? What did I do to deserve this?'"

His fingers throbbing and discolored, Josh finally bit the bullet and used his left hand to jerk his knuckles back into place. The screaming pain was the greatest agony he felt during the ordeal, but soon it was Troy's turn to obsess about fingers. He kept talking about cutting off one of his own and eating it. Josh threatened to "lay you out" if Troy did anything rash, so the younger boy contented himself with slicing off pieces of dried skin from his palm to chew on.

"If you die, do you want me to eat you?" he asked Josh.

"It don't matter to me," Josh answered. "But if you die, I'll throw you overboard, because I wouldn't want to live any longer myself."

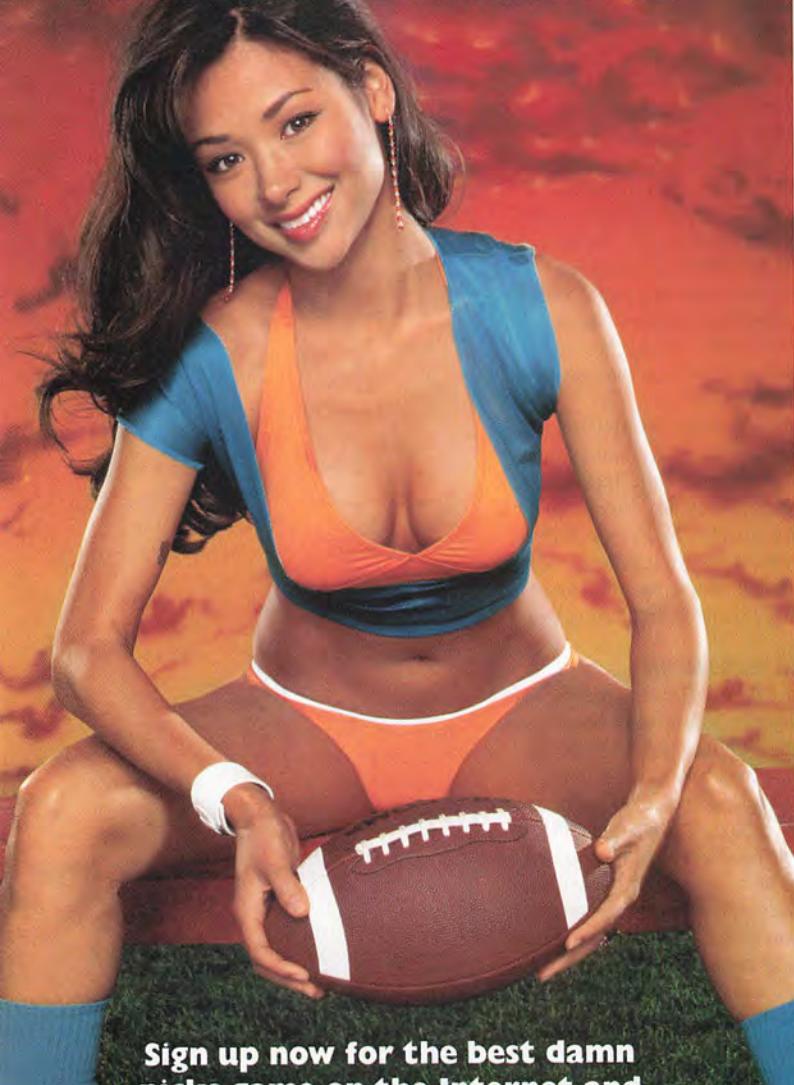
That evening Troy reached again for the nine-inch fillet knife. "Josh," he croaked in a weakened voice, the knife shaking in his hand, "I want you to kill me."

"If you don't quit talking about dying, I swear I'll punch you in the face," came his friend's reply.

But they both kept talking about it after that. Through their agony, they prayed together that they'd go peacefully in the end. When yet another boat appeared on the horizon, closed in, then passed without notice, it looked like God had made up His mind.

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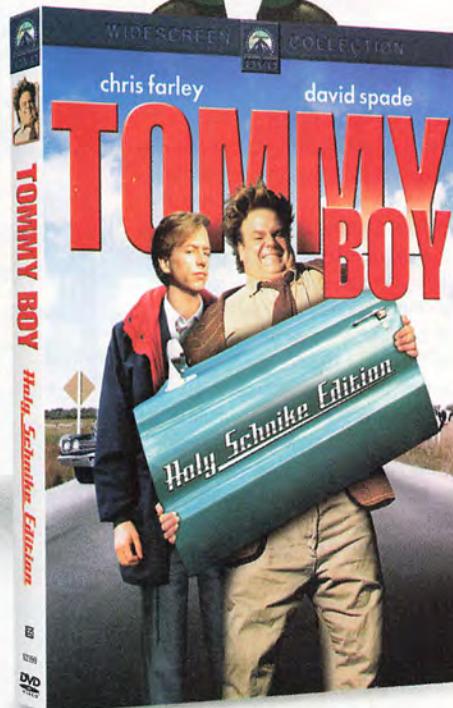
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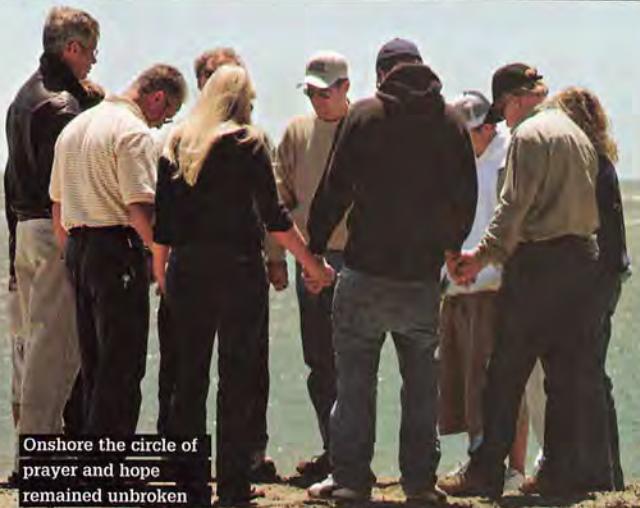
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Onshore the circle of prayer and hope remained unbroken

Teenagers prayed to go peacefully after being lost at sea for a week

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SOUTHPORT, N.C. — Two teenagers who had survived nearly a week adrift clinging to a 14-foot sailboat, prayed to go peacefully in the hours before they were rescued, and God let them.

Officer Collier said first he would call his little brother Troy. "Then I'm gonna hit him and let him know how much he needs to be home," he said.

The two sailors had put in an honorary day that came with a National Guard boat and a warning for small boats to stay away from the area because of the water. They realized they

would drift across the Atlantic Ocean and were closer to Africa. Instead, they stayed about 111 miles north — well beyond the range of the Coast Guard's search grid — but close enough to spot one more fish.

"They put up new signs and made notes online. This time, they were prepared. What we have is an



A sunburned Troy Driscoll is looked after by Deb Foster, left, and father Tony Driscoll in Chapel Hill, N.C. Driscoll's best friend, 13-year-old Josh Lown, days without food or fresh water.

CAUGHT BY FISHERMEN

The only thing on Captain Ben DeGutis' mind on Saturday, April 30, six days after the boys' fateful departure, was getting safely into Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. DeGutis, from North Palm Beach, Florida, and his mate, Rick Smith of East Hampton, New York, were on the second day of their trip delivering the 54-foot Hatteras sportfishing boat *Renegade* from Palm Beach to Atlantic City. About 80 miles from Wrightsville, at about 1 p.m., DeGutis and Smith decided to change course. With waves already rising to six or seven feet, and winds gusting at 26 miles per hour, they made for a more protected passage via the Cape Fear inlet in North Carolina.

Nearing the inlet, about 18 miles from shore, DeGutis' eye caught a strange shape in the distance. It looked like a buoy or a broken mooring floating on the water. Whatever it was, it wasn't on their chart. They decided to check it out.

When Troy heard the hum of the approaching motor, the friends were huddled in prayer on the bottom of the boat, asking God to either end their lives or send them a savior. Somehow he summoned the strength to raise his head.

"We've got to get up and give everything we have in us," he moaned to Josh. "This boat is coming right for us." After all the close calls, Josh didn't even want to look, unable to take any more disappointment.

Aboard the *Renegade*, DeGutis and Smith couldn't believe their eyes. Two emaciated figures were waving in the distance, but their boat was so low and small that it looked like they were standing on water. As the fishing vessel pulled in close, Smith, standing at the stern, saw Troy. "I've been praying," Troy called out.

Troy slid over the rail and flopped onto the deck like a fish.



Good signs were hard to come by

"You're not going to leave us, are you?"

"No, we won't leave you!" Smith called back.

Smith grabbed Troy's arms and hauled him over the side. The boy flopped on the deck like a fish. Next, Smith lifted Josh by the pants and dragged him aboard. Both boys were sobbing and laughing when they got on the *Renegade*, 111 miles north of Sullivan's Island.

"They told me they were praying either for God to take them or an angel to save them," Smith later recalled. "They said, 'You're our angel,' but I told them, 'I ain't no angel—I'm just a fisherman.'"

Smith wrapped the boys in blankets and gave them fresh water. "I told them to drink it slowly, but they gulped down about a gallon and a half," he said. They wanted food, but Smith told them to wait until they saw a doctor. Suffering

severe dehydration, second-degree sunburn, and exhaustion, the boys were soon admitted to a Southport, North Carolina hospital.

THE HOMECOMING

Three weeks after their rescue, Josh and Troy returned to Sullivan's Island for a welcome-home celebration. They stood on a stage before 500 people—families, friends,

rescue workers, search teams, support personnel. Josh had almost completely recovered from the ordeal, but Troy was in for a longer struggle. With extensive nerve damage to his feet, he'd been ordered to remain off them for the next few months. He nevertheless stood up on the stage when two surprise guests—Rick Smith and Ben DeGutis—walked out to greet the boys in the middle of the ceremony. The boys cried as they hugged their heroes.

Near the stage were two giant cakes. One was decorated with the words, WELCOME HOME TROY AND JOSH. The other read, THANKS TO ALL FOR NEVER GIVING UP.

It was a safe bet the message on the second cake wasn't directed at the Coast Guard. After the rescue, family members openly criticized the Coast Guard for calling off the search too soon and not acting on the possibility that the boys had drifted north. "The Coast Guard needs to give a straight answer and say they made a mistake," Matthew Driscoll, Troy's uncle, told the *Charleston Post and Courier*. The comment might have been a cheap shot—the Coast Guard had been misinformed about the type of craft.

"Certainly, if we thought they were [off North Carolina], that's where we would have gone," Coast Guard Commander June Ryan replied, adding that the case would be reviewed.

Both boys say they will return to the ocean, though it's unlikely they'll be in any hurry to go back to the spot where they were swept out to sea. On a morning almost two months after Josh and Troy first set out on their fishing trip, workers on Sullivan's Island could be seen putting up a sign not far from Station 30. It reads: DEADLY CURRENTS, NO SWIMMING, NO WADING, STAY OUT OF THE WATER, \$500 FINE, 14 DROWNINGS, DON'T BE NEXT. □

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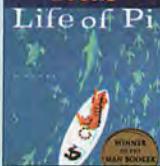
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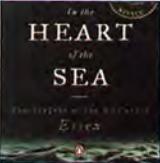
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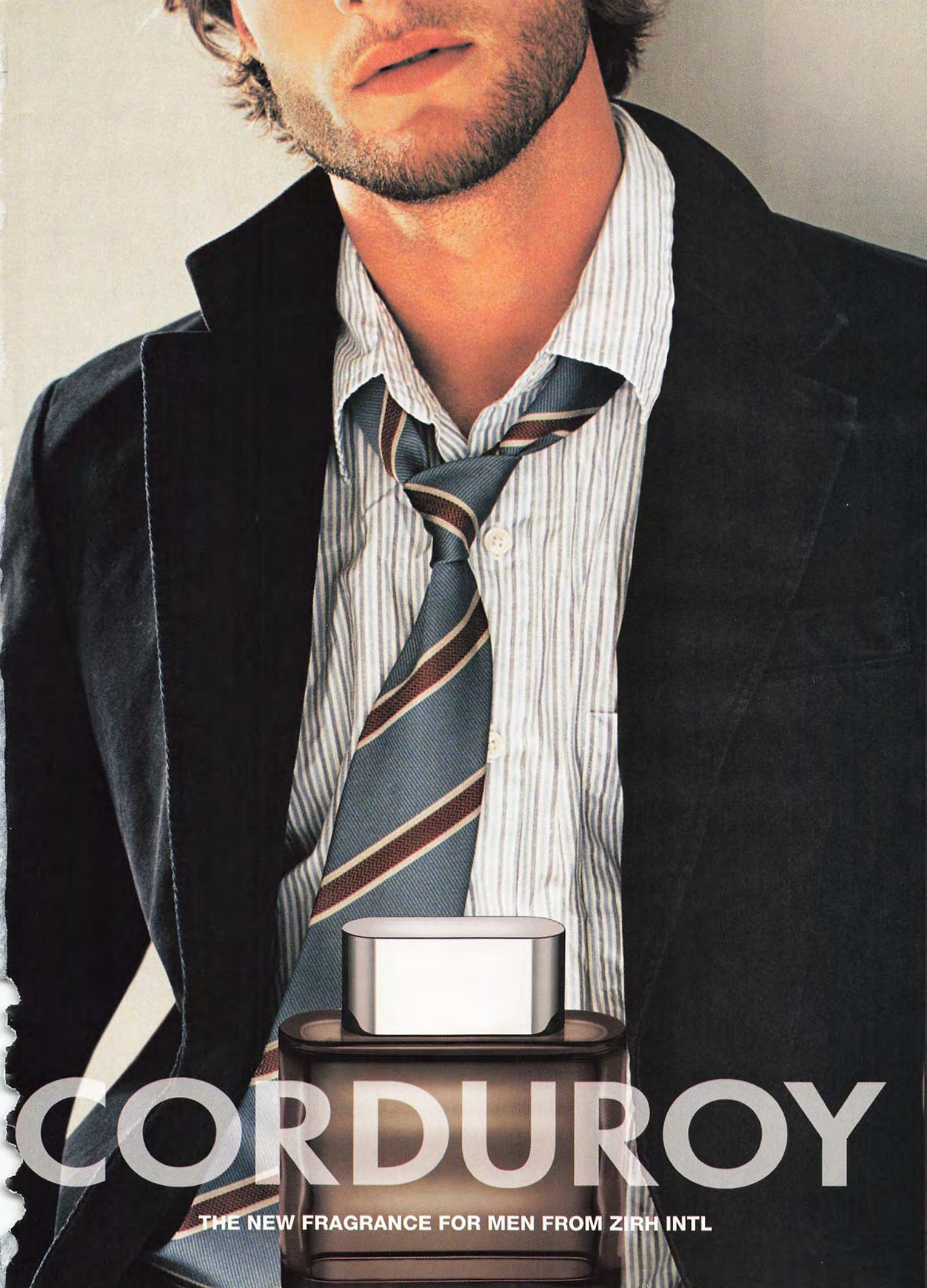
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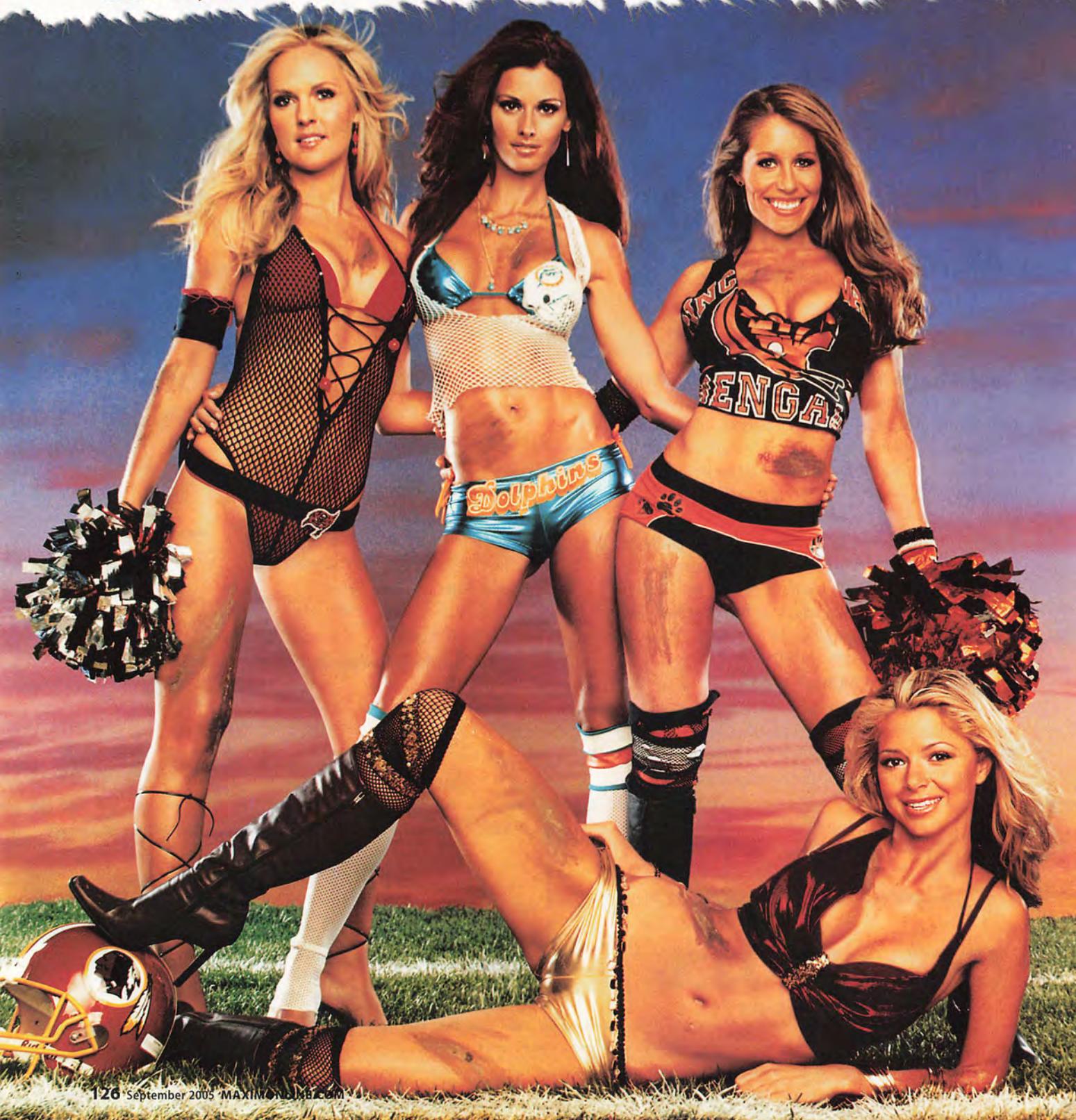
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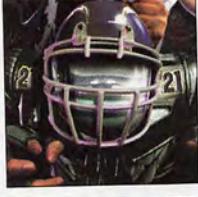
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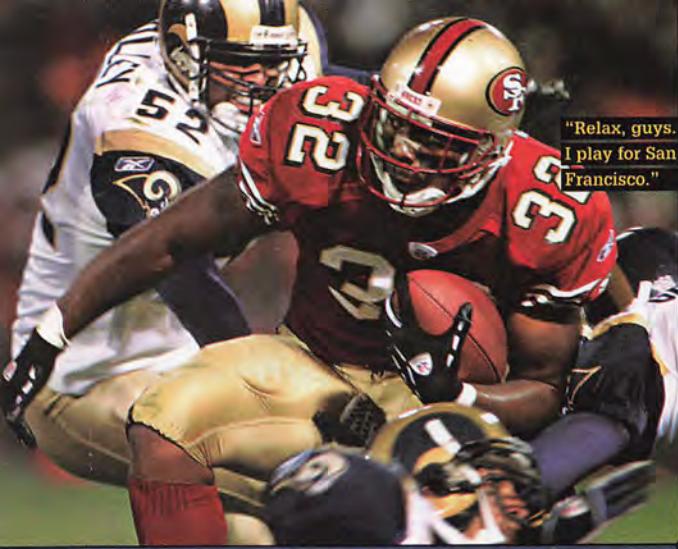
NFL Network lead anchor Rich Eisen makes ya think.



SUPER BOWL XL

Who will win it all? The answers, my son, lie within.





"Relax, guys.
I play for San
Francisco."

BROWNS

'04 record: 4-12

Off-season action: Losing Kellen Winslow Jr. for the year (again!) ain't good, but stealing away Pats defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel as the new head coach is a huge step. Still, hyped rookie WR Braylon Edwards had better catch a lot of passes from QB... Trent Dilfer? **'05 buzz:** We'll buy you a hot dog when Winslow plays a down. Regardless, the Browns should win a game or five—even if they draft worse than Winslow rides a bike.

BEARS

'04 record: 5-11

Off-season action: To help third-year QB Rex Grossman, the Bears grabbed two offensive studs in rookie RB Cedric Benson and last year's receiving yardage leader, WR Muhsin Muhammad. They also got the goat of the Jets playoff loss to the Steelers, K Doug Brien. **'05 buzz:** A lot rides on new O coordinator Ron Turner morphing Grossman into a dependable, injury-free signal caller. Or else da Bears will again be among da worst.

FANTASY SLEEPERS

QBs: Carson Palmer, Bengals (18 TDs in his first year starting)
David Carr, Texans
Eli Manning, Giants

DOLPHINS

49ERS

'04 record: 2-14

Off-season action: New coach Mike Nolan and top pick Alex Smith have loads of brains and chutzpah. They'll need 'em to ease the shotgun QB into a tricky West Coast scheme (without a single clutch receiver) while switching the defense from a 4-3 to a 3-4. **'05 buzz:** The NFL told Nolan he can't wear a suit on the sideline. The rest of the league will show him he can't turn this once-proud franchise back into a contender in one year.

DOLPHINS

'04 record: 4-12

Off-season action: Nick Saban's arrival from LSU already has the Fins facing more discipline, and rookie RB Ronnie Brown should be the answer to a 2004 running game whose highlight was Sammy Morris' 523 yards. Plus, there's always Ricky...

'05 buzz: Says our expert, NFL Network lead anchor Rich Eisen, "If these Dolphins give birth to more than four wins, that'd be good." Heck, we'd call that miraculous.

REDSKINS

'04 record: 6-10

Off-season action: Coach Joe Gibbs said Patrick Ramsey was his man, then drafted QB Jason Campbell with the 25th pick. The team also got CB Carlos Rogers (but lost Fred Smoot) and added WRs David Patten and Santana Moss (but lost Laveranues Coles).

'05 buzz: We'll say this for owner Daniel Snyder: He's nuts. And as long as he treats players as toys to fiddle with until he gets bored, his teams will continue to suck.

TITANS

'04 record: 5-11

Off-season action: WR Derrick Mason, DBs Andre Dyson and Samari Rolle, T Fred Miller, and K Joe Nedney are all gone, leaving a team even more gutted than the Niners. But, hey, they drafted the player with the coolest nickname in football—CB Adam "Pacman" Jones.

'05 buzz: Even with USC offensive guru Norm Chow stepping in to inspire a healthy but haggard Steve McNair, Tennessee is officially the AFC's newest cellar dweller.

BUCCANEERS

'04 record: 5-11

Off-season action: Coach Jon Gruden scored instant ground-game help in the draft with RB Carnell "Cadillac" Williams. But the O line's still paper-thin, and the defense ain't getting any younger.

'05 buzz: Can you guess which of owner Malcolm Glazer's two teams (the other is Man United) will thrive? Williams and WR Michael Clayton will make this the Bucs' most exciting rebuilding season yet!

SAINTS

'04 record: 8-8

Off-season action: They were dead last in total defense last year, yet three of the Saints' first five draft picks are offensive guys, including OT Jammal Brown and troubled QB Adrian McPherson. They did sign FS Dwight Smith and LB Levor Fisher, but a couple of new starters does not an entire defense make.

'05 buzz: Thank God New Orleans is a city that knows how to drink. That's the only way it'll survive another wild and hopeless season.

DIANE TALKS SMACK

DAUNTE CULPEPPER

Does Moss-less Minnesota have a Super Bowl shot this year? The best NFL QB not named Peyton isn't afraid to talk like they do.



Diane Hill shows off her Sunday best

New year, no Randy. What's gonna happen?

Moss missed most of five games last year, and we still passed for the same yardage—or maybe more—than when he was out there. We've got a lot of guys who can make plays: Nate Burleson, Marcus Robinson, Kelly Campbell, Travis Taylor. And we drafted Troy Williamson; he's going to open up a lot of eyes. I'm excited about this year.

After the trade Randy said he'd lost a friend. Are you guys cool?

I never had a problem with Randy. I had a great time when he was here. He was probably my closest friend on the team, but I think when he got traded he was just lonely. **Why does he get a bad rap?**

He makes bad decisions sometimes with the words he chooses. He says the first thing that comes to his

mouth, and that's not always the best thing. **What's the worst hit you've taken?**

In 2000 we were playing the Lions, and Chris Claiborne hit me the hardest I've ever been hit. When I stood up I was dizzy, and when I came back to the huddle I had blood in my mouth.

Did you stay in the game?

Oh, yeah, I stayed in the game.

Was anyone brave enough to haze you as a rookie?

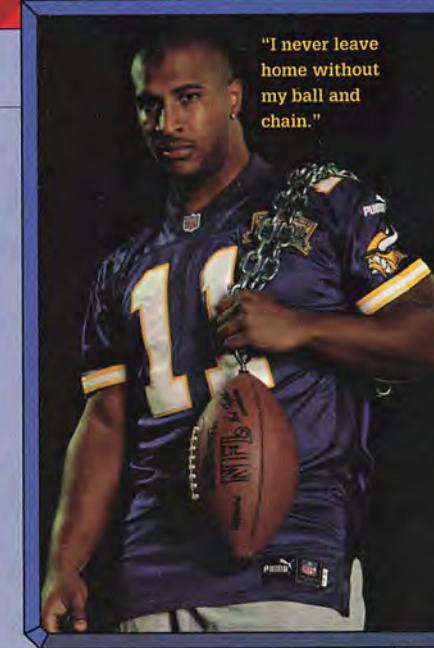
The last night of training camp, the vets tried to pick me up and put Icy Hot all over me. When the first one came in, I grabbed him. It took nine or 10 of them to do it to me. I was a rebellious rookie.

Who's the best QB in the league?

Me.

Where do you see the Vikings finishing this year?

Super Bowl champs. You're gonna beat my Eagles? Oh, yeah.



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NFL PREVIEW

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PRIEST HOLMES

Kansas City's versatile back isn't done running—or talking.

As usual, K.C.'s offense was loaded last year. So how'd you go 7-9?

It's a combination of things. Our offense is expected to make big plays, and we didn't always do that.

But doesn't defense win championships?

Coming from Baltimore, I can agree with you. I'm a firm believer that the defense has to show up, and we've got some new guys who are hungry—Sammy Knight, Patrick Surtain, Kendrell Bell, Derrick Johnson. Now you have skill guys that are fighting for positions, so the best that's in them has to come out.

Who's the dirtiest player you've ever played against?

Bill Romanowski is very close, but I actually respect him. You'd be underneath the pile, and this mysterious hand would come out of nowhere and choke you, and you're like, "Who in the world's choking me?" And he's just over there smiling. Of course, he's retired

now, so it's all fun to talk about it.

If you could have another player's skill for one game, what would it be?

I'd actually take two. Dance like Ray Lewis, and talk shit like T.O. **Who talks the most trash?**

Some of the best trash talkers in the game are guys who don't even hit anybody: defensive backs.

They make the most noise ever, and they don't even touch people!

What do they say, exactly?

Half the time they're talking about how you're not going to score on them or don't come their way, and that's the funniest thing, because they don't make tackles. It's usually after you're tackled by somebody else, they're over the pile talking like that.

Who's a better motorcycle rider, you or Kellen Winslow?

Oh, my goodness, that's ridiculous. I can't believe he came off his bike. He needs a little more practice.

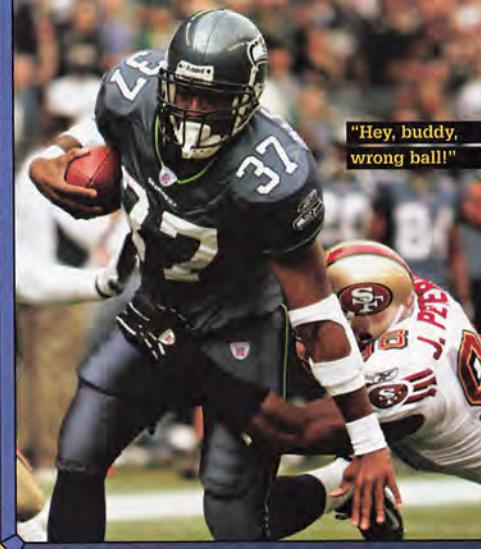
FANTASY SLEEPERS

WRs: Nate Burleson, Vikings (with Moss gone, he's Daunte's new go-to guy) **Steve Smith,** Panthers **Plaxico Burress,** Giants

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RBs: Carnell Williams, Buccaneers (Coach Jon Gruden likes to run; this rook will be the horse.) **Julius Jones,** Cowboys **LaMont Jordan,** Raiders

"Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly..."



"Hey, buddy,
wrong ball!"

SEAHAWKS

'04 record: 9-7

Off-season action: New CB Andre Dyson and DE Bryce Fisher are good, but probably not as good as the guys they replace—Ken Lucas and Chike Okefor. In other words, last year's 26th-ranked defense could be even worse.

'05 buzz: Chances are RB Shaun "Mo' Money" Alexander will run for bunches of yards, QB Matt Hasselbeck will throw bunches of TDs, and coach Mike Holmgren's brow will bunch when the 'Hawks fold in December.

RAMS

'04 record: 8-8

Off-season action: The good news? Mike Martz shored up last year's porous D by signing LBs Chris Claiborne and Dexter Coakley and S Michael Stone. The bad news? Mike Martz is still in charge. (We think he's an alien.)

'05 buzz: The passing game will light it up, as usual, but unless RB Steven Jackson (673 rushing yards and four TDs in 2004) suddenly wakes up as Marshall Faulk circa 2000, these Rams will be lucky to finish .500 again.

BRONCOS

'04 record: 10-6

Off-season action: The Broncos popped another star running back out of their factory with Reuben Droughns, who they shipped to Cleveland. What'd they pick up? A doomed-career therapy group including DE Courtney Brown, DT Gerard Warren, 42-year-old WR Jerry Rice, and RBs Maurice Clarett and Ron "10 Percent Chance of Thunder" Dayne.

'05 buzz: Once again high hopes will be suffocated in this oxygen-deprived town.

TEXANS

'04 record: 7-9

Off-season action: CB Aaron Glenn was dumped in favor of bitchy Phillip Buchanon to go with Dunta Robinson. First-round DT Travis Johnson is an animal, but new LB Morlon Greenwood is no Jamie Sharper.

'05 buzz: Houston's an ugly place, and this team's even uglier, but oft-sacked QB David Carr gets better every year. Notes Eisen: "Houston could have a playoff run in them this century. But it's still very early in this century."

GIANTS

'04 record: 6-10

Off-season action: With only four picks, the Giants did nothing mind-blowing in the draft. Their big free-agent signing? WR Plaxico Burress, without a doubt the best NFL receiver ever... named Plaxico.

'05 buzz: Brash young QB Eli Manning, who started seven games last year, should learn a lot over a full season. But it's gonna be a few years before anyone's comparing him to his older brother—or his team to the Colts.

RAIDERS

'04 record: 5-11

Off-season action: WR Randy Moss going to Oakland is like Shaq heading to Miami: Even tipsy QB Kerry Collins gains credibility. And pissed-off former Jets backup RB LaMont Jordan will give the Black Hole its first real running threat since Charlie Garner.

'05 buzz: We're not saying they're going all the way... or even halfway. But Moss, and Warren Sapp's mouth, should make Al Davis' West Coast Pirates fun to watch for a while.

CHIEFS

'04 record: 7-9

Off-season action: DBs Patrick Surtain and Sammy Knight, plus LBs Kendrell Bell and Derrick Johnson, are the latest attempt to fix K.C.'s horrible D. Their offense, of course, is fine. WR Johnnie Morton got cut, but they drafted a guy named Craphonso Thorpe!

'05 buzz: "If the defense can hold teams to 20-some-odd points per game, they'll be dangerous," says Eisen—which is as likely as Dick Vermeil going a day without crying.

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MEASURING UP: SHANNON & JENNIFER

Cincinnati's and Tampa Bay's finest—finally, a chain gang worth joining.

Bengal pride: The way Cincy plays, there's often more action on the sidelines. "One time the other team's quarterback wrote a letter to one of our girls during the game, asking her out," recalls second-year Ben-Gal Shannon, 28 (left).

"It was ridiculous." Still, she has high hopes. "Coach Lewis is turning the program around. People will have respect for the Bengals when they hit the field this year." At least more respect than they get after hitting opposing players.

Wardrobe malfunction: "I'm so excited to be here," says six-year Bucs vet Jennifer, 26 (right). "I love *Maxim*." To be fair, our photo shoot wasn't the first time she'd shown a little extra skin. "We had new uniforms last year, and they

were halters. In the middle of one half-time show, my top just fell off. There were cameras, but I fixed it while dancing, and I think it happened so fast that nobody saw it." Probably. But we're buying tapes of every game just to be sure.

OFFENSE

QB: #11 DAUNTE CULPEPPER

Vikings This 6'4", 264-pound bazooka rolled up 5,000-plus yards of O last year and says he'd whip Ray Lewis in a fight: "I ain't going to say nobody's going to beat me up."

RB: #21 LADAINIAN TOMLINSON

Chargers LT's scored 60 TDs in four years, and gotten the Bolts to the playoffs. Says Bears LB Brian Urlacher: "He's unbelievable."

FB: #30 CORY SCHLESINGER

Lions In 10 NFL seasons, this bruising pounder has busted over 200 face masks: "I just like hitting people. It's fun."

WR: #87 REGGIE WAYNE

Colts Last year he blew up for over 1,200 yards and 12 TDs. He also had the stones to shove know-it-all MVP Peyton Manning on the sidelines.

WR: #84 JAVON WALKER

Packers He made DBs wet their jocks with 89 catches for 1,382 yards and 12 TDs in '04: "I consider myself one of the best." Care to disagree?

TE: #88 TONY GONZALEZ

Chiefs Let's see... a TE-record 102 grabs last year, six straight Pro Bowls, the most catches in Chiefs history, and a rep as possibly the best ever at his position. We've got Canton on line one.

C: #68 KEVIN MAWAE

Jets He could have sat out after breaking his right hand last year, but, no, Mawae simply taught himself to snap with his left, then was chided by refs for using his cast like a club. Tough.

OT: #71 WALTER JONES

Seahawks At just 31, the best pass blocker in the game has already made five Pro Bowls. And to ensure his name lives on, he's named his twin kids Walterius and Waleria.

OT: #76 ORLANDO PACE

Rams This off-season the Rams signed the pancake-block king to a seven-year, \$52.8-million deal that ranks him among the highest-paid linemen in the league. Worth every penny.

G: #66 ALAN FANECA

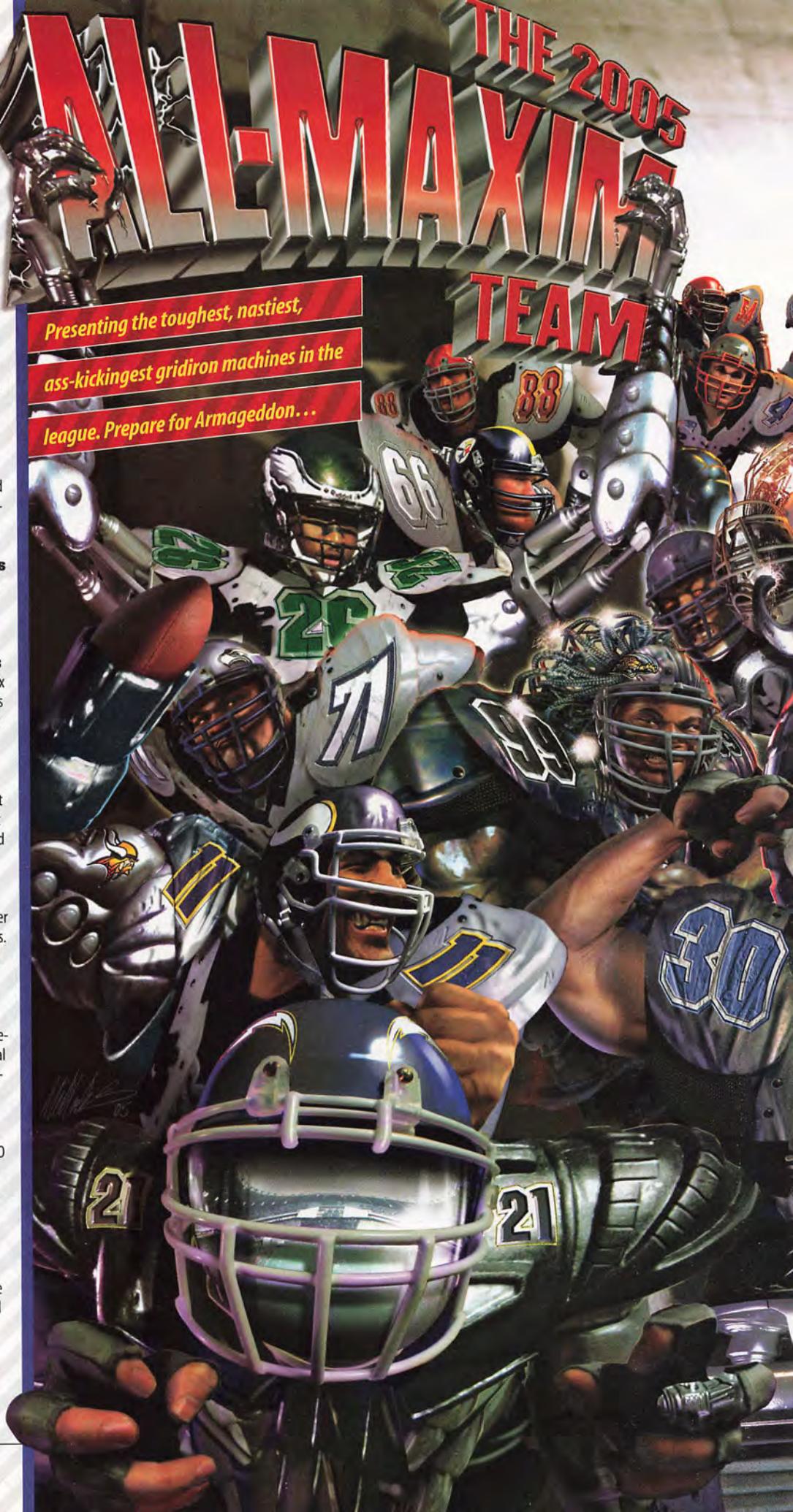
Steelers Faneca single-handedly makes Pittsburgh's O line respectable thanks to a killer instinct: "I will hunt you down." Even more impressive, he's done it with epilepsy.

G: #54 BRIAN WATERS

Chiefs Waters wasn't drafted, but he's clawed his way up from practice squad to a spot on one of the league's fiercest offensive lines—and his first Pro Bowl invitation last season.

K: #4 ADAM VINATIERI

Patriots The NFL's clutchest kicker also hucked a sneaky TD pass against the Rams last year. Take that, Martz!



NFL PREVIEW

DEFENSE

DE: #90 JULIUS PEPPERS

Panthers Sure, he had 11 sacks, but the cat-quick prowler also returned one interception 97 yards and another 46 for a TD. With Peppers on the field, who needs D-backs?

DE: #97 PATRICK KERNEY

Falcons This deconstructosaurus notched 13 sacks last year. Says coach Jim Mora: "He just goes and goes. He's relentless."

DT: #99 MARCUS STROUD

Jaguars He's no stat hound, but this dreadlocked 312-pound ball of muscle and meanness plugs more nasty holes than Colin Farrell.

DT: #93 KEVIN WILLIAMS

Vikings Meet the new Sapp: 22.5 sacks in two years, plus a 77-yard fumble-return TD. Best of all, he doesn't flap his trap. Yet.

LB: #51 JONATHAN VILMA

Jets "I don't trash-talk in other languages," says the scrappy, cerebral AP Defensive Rookie of the Year, who speaks four of them. "I want you to understand me when I insult you."

LB: #59 DONNIE EDWARDS

Chargers Despite 151 tackles and five picks, Edwards missed the Pro Bowl. That means a killer chip on his shoulder in '05.

LB: #51 TAKEO SPIKES

Bills His name means "great warrior" in Japanese, and it fits the bone-crushing team leader: "Last year it took two guys to help Reggie Williams off the field when I hit him."

CB: #80 TROY BROWN

Patriots Injuries forced the then 33-year-old WR to play D last year. All he did was rack up three interceptions and a Super Bowl ring while also catching passes and returning kicks. Sick.

CB: #26 LITO SHEPPARD

Eagles Lito made five picks last year, taking two back for TDs. And lest you think all CBs are pussies, he played through a broken thumb, too.

S: #31 ROY WILLIAMS

Cowboys This off-season the NFL instituted the "Roy Williams rule," banning horse-collar tackles, after the brutal safety injured four players by dragging them down from behind. 'Nuff said.

S: #20 ED REED

Ravens The AP Defensive Player of the Year led the NFL with nine picks, returning one for a record 106-yard TD...admittedly, against Cleveland.

KR: #24 TERENCE MCGEE

Bills Sorry, Dante. This 5'9" locomotive had 1,370 return yards and three TDs, including a 104-yarder. He's also one hell of a cornerback.





JANETTE

Prepare to drop everything for Philly's sexiest supporter.

Team spirit: "Our fans are amazing," brags Janette, 22, who's beginning her second year with the team. "I'm from Philadelphia, and I can't even walk down my little street without someone yelling, 'E-A-G-L-E-S, Eagles!' Even though we lost in the Super Bowl, just being on the field was amazing. It was surreal."

Skin game:

"When we're all in the dressing room,

basically we're all naked, but we're totally comfortable with each other. And when we shoot our calendar, all the hair and makeup people see us naked."

Flexible flyer:

"I'm a gymnast, so people are surprised when they see what I can do. My back is double-jointed, so I can put my feet up over my head and stuff like that." Now that's something worth holding out for.



BENGALS

'04 record: 8-8

Off-season action: Thankfully, RB Rudi Johnson and unpronounceable WR T.J. Houshammandzadeh have re-signed. New defensive coordinator Chuck Bresnahan will try to bring a little swagger to a 19th-ranked squad that stumbled like fraternity drunks last year.

'05 buzz: Showboating WR Chad Johnson will catch enough bombs from rising QB Carson Palmer to almost snap a 14-year streak of nonwinning seasons. Almost.

LIONS

'04 record: 6-10

Off-season action: Yet again they grabbed a WR (Mike Williams) with their first draft pick. Add in veteran TE Marcus Pollard and QB Joey Harrington has no excuse not to light it up—aside from sucking, of course.

'05 buzz: If Joey can't deliver, new backup Jeff Garcia—who we say should start—will try. The last time he played for coach Steve Mariucci, he made his third Pro Bowl. Yes, that was 2002, but this could be the Lions' year.

COWBOYS

'04 record: 6-10

Off-season action: Bill Parcells wants Big D to mean defense again, which explains his first three draft picks: LBs Demarcus Ware and Kevin Burnett and DE Marcus Spears. He also dropped an over-the-hill QB (Vinny Testaverde) for an aging one (Drew Bledsoe). That'll help.

'05 buzz: All-Maxim S Roy Williams and the rooks will crank up the defense while hotshot RB Julius Jones and co. carry America's Team back to the post-season—whether you like it or not.

FANTASY SLEEPERS

TEs: Heath Miller, Steelers (6'5") rookie could be Big Ben's new best friend

Doug Jolley, Jets
Jermaine Wiggins, Vikings

"Someone needs a hug."

BILLS

'04 record: 9-7

Off-season action: Cement-legged Drew Bledsoe has been, um, sacked in favor of second-year mystery QB J.P. Losman, who's completed all of three passes in his NFL career. At least he'll have ex-U. of Miami rookies Roscoe Parrish and Kevin Everett to throw at.

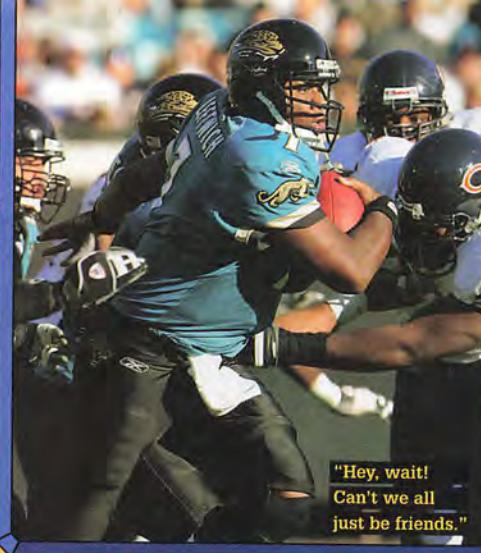
'05 buzz: Led by LB Takeo Spikes, the NFL's second-best defense will hold its place, and a younger, revamped offense can't help but exceed last year's eighth-worst squad. Right?

PANTHERS

'04 record: 7-9

Off-season action: A lot of stars, like DT Kris Jenkins and WR Steve Smith, are back from the injuries that killed the Panthers last year, and they've added DBs Ken Lucas and Idrees Bashir and versatile G Mike Wahle. But they also lost WR Muhsin Muhammad, who had, oh, 1,405 yards and 16 TDs last year.

'05 buzz: If they stay healthy, the Panthers could challenge the Falcons for the NFC South crown. But we're not holding our breath.

**JAGUARS**

'04 record: 9-7

Off-season action: The biggest gamble of the off-season was the Jags' surprise drafting of superfreak QB/TE/WR Matt Jones in the first round. Will he be QB Byron Leftwich's Randy Moss or a taller, whiter Kordell Stewart?

'05 buzz: Gimpy RB Fred Taylor won't roll up the points, but massive DTs Marcus Stroud and John Henderson will help the defense make most offenses look like the 49ers' taxi squad. If only they played in the NFC...

**CARDINALS**

'04 record: 6-10

Off-season action: Two-time MVP Kurt Warner and scrappy rookie RB J.J. Arrington should boost the 27th-ranked offense. Adds Eisen, "They've got a more ferocious logo."

'05 buzz: Warner's an old gunslinger with a pair of hot young targets, WRs Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald. Sack master DE Bertrand Berry and rookie CB Antrel Rolle will make noise on D. Those facts—and the fact that the NFC West blows—are promising signs.

**JETS**

'04 record: 10-6

Off-season action: WR Laveranues "Spelling Bee" Coles has returned from the Redskins in exchange for WR Santana Moss. He'll join former Titans offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger and the Jets spellbinding first draft choice, K Mike Nugent!

'05 buzz: Can defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson and stud LB Jonathan Vilma lift the Jets past the Patriots and into the Super Bowl? Oh, wait, we're talking about the Jets.



> SCOTT TALKS SMACK

JONATHAN VILMA

We grill 2004's AP Defensive Rookie of the Year about missed kicks, hot chicks, and time travel.

The Jets missed the AFC title game by a field goal last year. What's next?

We came close, but obviously close doesn't cut it in this league. We have to get over the hump.

Why can't you guys beat the Patriots?

They know how to get the job done.

Are they more talented?

I don't think so. They're not that good. After my first game

against them, I was like, "That's it?" I was expecting big, great, miraculous plays. It's a matter of them tuning in to the little things, which we have to pay more attention to.

Will new kicker Mike Nugent make the difference?

They started him at 45 yards, and he didn't miss for three practices. I'm real excited about that. I played against him in the Fiesta Bowl, and he was kicking the life

out of the ball back then, too.

Why aren't there Jets cheerleaders?

Good question. You're going to have to ask boss man Woody on that one. I wouldn't mind having them.

What's it like playing in a place called Giants Stadium?

It's a little tough. I hope we get a new place soon. It's always great to be home and not worry about another team playing

out in your stadium. And after the game is the roughest part, because the drive back is two hours in New York traffic.

Which feels better, sacks or INTs?

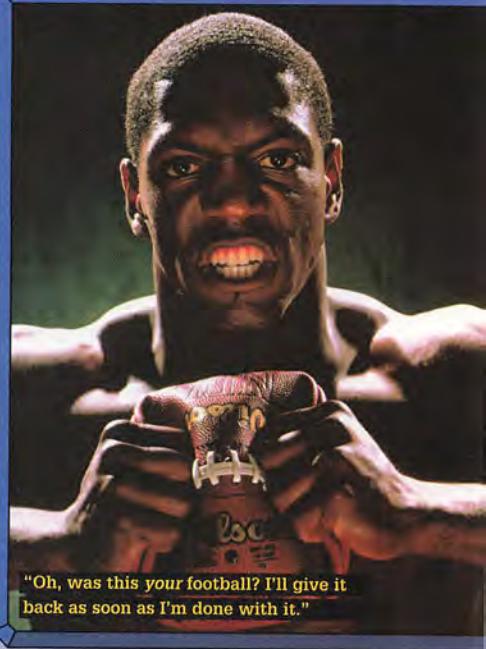
Interceptions for touchdowns feel better. But for getting the rage out, sacks are always great. When you get to the quarterback, really lay it on him, it feels good.

You went to Miami. Are the women hotter there?

Miami women are beautiful, but New York women have a little more swagger. And they know how to dress.

Will time travel be possible in our lifetime?

I don't know, but I'd be the first one to go. I'd go to the future. You're an Academic All-American with a degree in finance. Got any tax tips? [laughs] None that are legal!



"Oh, was this your football? I'll give it back as soon as I'm done with it."



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> DIANE TALKS SMACK

DONOVAN McNABB

The Eagles' charismatic QB throws us his lines on acting, puking, and soup.

Tell us the truth:
In the Super Bowl,
were you vomiting
in the huddle?

I was fine. I don't know how that started, but I wasn't sick. I didn't throw up on the field.

Philly fans can be fickle. Is it tough playing for them?

It's not tough to play in Philly at all. It's actually exciting.

Anytime you're in a place that loves their sports, and continues to back them no matter what position they're in, that's something that's good to be a part of. These guys are always here, and we feed off their adrenaline.



You were on George Lopez. Is there more acting in your future?

I hope so. Hopefully I'll move into films on HBO and Showtime, which would lead me into the big ones with Will Smith and all the rest of them.

Your mother's been quite the

actress in the Chunky soup ads.
I had to work on her. She was a rookie—she's working on her game as well. It's something we'll pass down to the rest of our family.

What's your take on T.O.'s holdout?

It's a situation I stay away from. It's none of my business. I focus on the field and go from there. I'm sure he's working hard wherever he's at, and when the time comes he'll be ready to go just like we will.

We hear that he has to feed his family. Can't your mom hook him up with some canned goods?

We've had dinners for the offense, so he's been over to the house. Everything will be fine.

Do you feel healthy?

I feel good. I'm a little sick right now. I'm going to throw up, I guess, I don't know.

FANTASY SLEEPERS

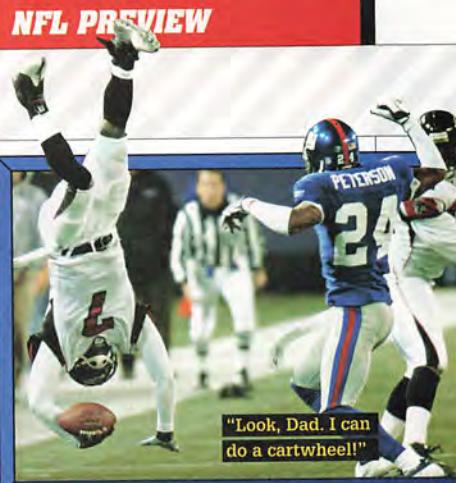
Defense:
Vikings (new DBs Smoot and Sharper mean fewer TDs, more INTs than last year)
Cowboys
Jets

FANTASY SLEEPERS

Ks: Lawrence Tynes, Chiefs (K.C. scores more than almost anyone, so lots of FGs and PATs)
Nate Kaeding, Chargers
John Carney, Saints

FALCONS

'04 record: 11-5
Off-season action: Though it gave up DT Ed Jasper, the defense should get even better with the addition of LB Edgerton "Mini Ray Lewis" Hartwell (97 tackles for the Ravens last year).
'05 buzz: With first-round pick Roddy White, plus Dez White, Brian Finneran, and Peerless Price, Ron Mexico has a fleet of mediocre WRs to drop his sometimes wild passes. But he's also got Pro Bowl TE Alge Crumpler, and we hear he's pretty good on his feet. The Falcons will fly again.



"Look, Dad. I can do a cartwheel!"

VIKINGS

'04 record: 8-8
Off-season action: Moss went west and RB Onterio "Whizzinator" Smith is suspended for the year, but defensive additions DT Pat Williams, LB Sam Cowart, DE Erasmus James, and DBs Fred Smoot and Darren Sharper may just resurrect the Purple People Eaters.
'05 buzz: If Nate Burleson and rookie WR Troy Williamson can fill Moss' shoes, the Vikes could make a Super Bowl run. Too bad Mike Tice already sold his tickets to the game!

CHARGERS

'04 record: 12-4
Off-season action: First-round DE/LB Shawne Merriman should bring speed to the defense. The Chargers also re-signed QB Drew Brees, and they've still got super RB LaDainian Tomlinson and top TE Antonio Gates. In other words, they're stacked—on offense, at least.
'05 buzz: We admit we missed the ferry on this Cinderella team from last year. So let's all agree the Chargers are no joke...and dare we say they'll win the AFC West again?

**RAVENS**

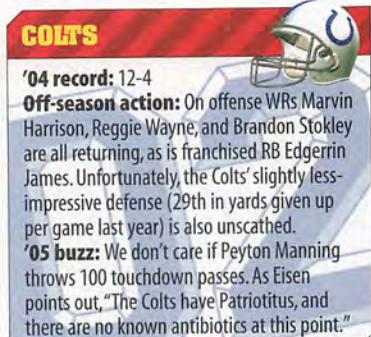
'04 record: 9-7
Off-season action: Ex-Titans ball hog Derrick Mason and first-round steal Mark Clayton give the Ravens a major receiving upgrade for new O coordinator Jim Fassel. LB Peter Boulware got cut over cash, but hey, Jamal Lewis is out of the clink!
'05 buzz: With great defense and good running, QB Kyle Boller doesn't even need to be excellent to Dilfer this squad right back into the playoff hunt.

EAGLES

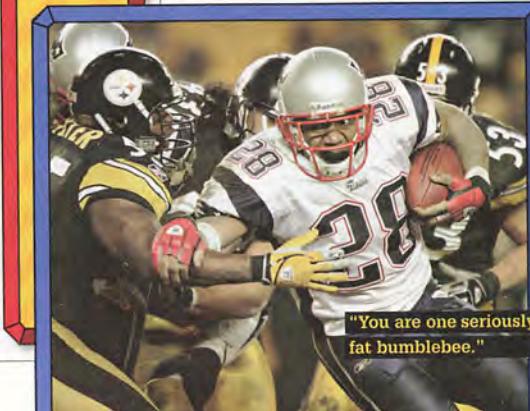
'04 record: 13-3
Off-season action: The Eagles could've done nothing and still won the NFC East again. Instead, they made 11 solid if unspectacular draft choices. At least a couple of those guys, like DT Mike Patterson and WR Reggie Brown, are bound to have an impact.
'05 buzz: Provided the front office can get T.O. back on the field, and McNabb can learn the two-minute drill, they'll once again be NFC title favorites. For what that's worth.

**STEELERS**

'04 record: 15-1
Off-season action: Plaxico Burress is out, replaced (sort of) by former 49ers WR Cedrick Wilson. Rookie TE Heath Miller should snare a few TDs to make up the difference.
'05 buzz: Almost all the pieces are still in place, but why don't we have confidence? Maybe it's the way QB Ben Roethlisberger threw balls to playoff defenders like they were free T-shirts. We do know one thing: They'll lose more than two games this year.

**COLTS**

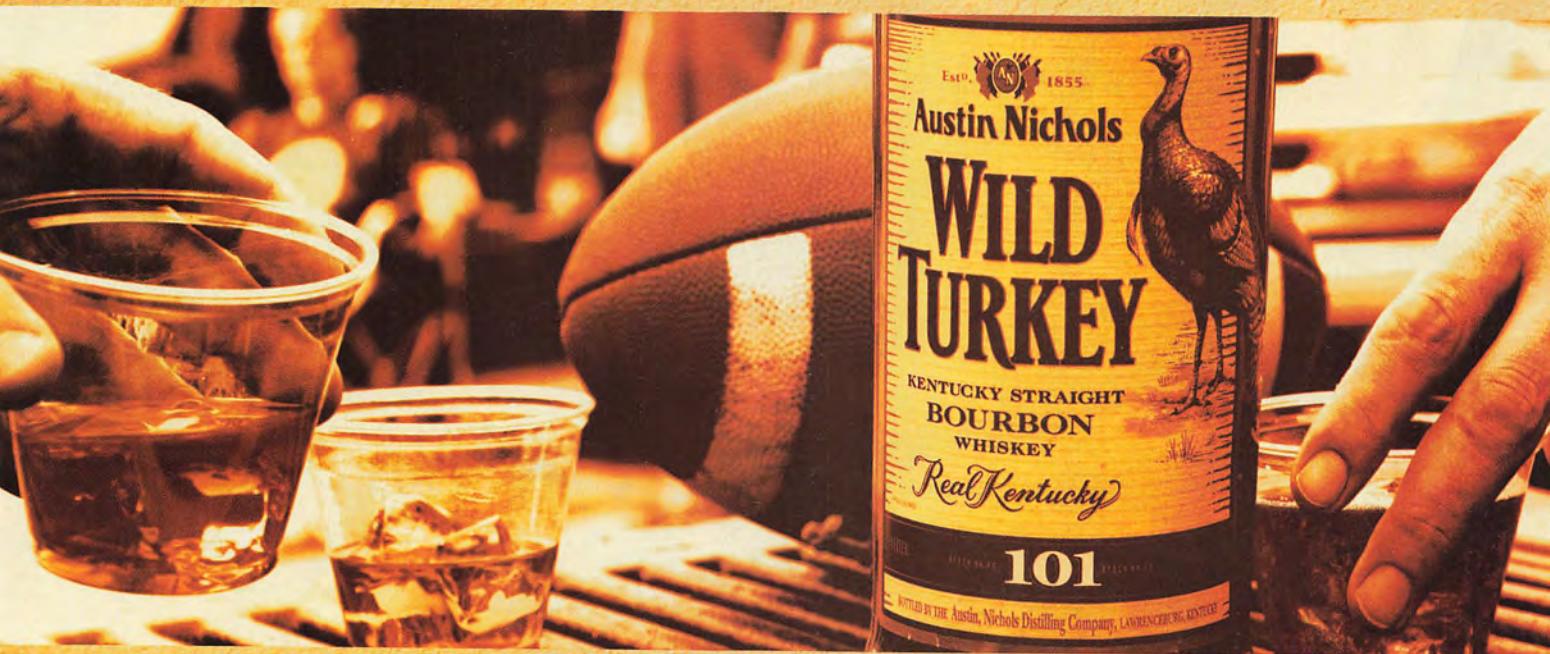
'04 record: 12-4
Off-season action: On offense WRs Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne, and Brandon Stokley are all returning, as is franchised RB Edgerrin James. Unfortunately, the Colts' slightly less-impressive defense (29th in yards given up per game last year) is also unscathed.
'05 buzz: We don't care if Peyton Manning throws 100 touchdown passes. As Eisen points out, "The Colts have Patriotitus, and there are no known antibiotics at this point."

**PATRIOTS**

'04 record: 14-2
Off-season action: With D coordinator Romeo Crennel off to the Browns and O man Charlie Weis heading up Notre Dame, Bill Belichick is left pulling levers all by his lonesome. "They're like the black knight in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*," says Eisen. "It's just a flesh wound."
'05 buzz: The Patriot's hot first-round pick? Unknown guard Logan Mankins. But we've quit doubting the greatest NFL dynasty to win all its Super Bowls by three points. They'll be fine.

"You are one seriously fat bumblebee."

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DOUBLE TROUBLE: TAVIA & RACHEL

The beauties of Big D and the Big Easy rip the competition—and our pounding hearts—to shreds.

Feeling it: For 22-year-old second-year Cowboys cheerleader Tavia (left), it's hard not to get caught up in the on-field action: "Our uniform is really tight, so I've never had a problem popping out of it. But when I'm cheering, I smile with my

mouth open, so I always have hair flying in and sticking to my lipstick and going down my throat, which is kind of uncomfortable when you're trying to breathe and dance at the same time." Funny, we have the same problem during aerobics!

Costume party: The Saints have their woes, but their cheerleaders running out of skimpy outfits ain't one of them. "We all get together in the locker room, and we usually don't get to see the halftime show because we're changing—we

have seven different uniforms," explains Rachel (right). And after games the 5'10" 19-year-old can't wait to cut loose. "New Orleans is awesome. We're always partying." Tall hot chicks getting blitzed on Bourbon Street? What a drag.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

NFL Network lead anchor Rich Eisen offers his own admittedly apprehensive picks for the regular season and playoffs. Let the drunken debates begin!

"Wild Card"

NORTH	
Minnesota	
Detroit	
Green Bay	
Chicago	

SOUTH	
Atlanta	
Carolina*	
Tampa Bay	
New Orleans	

EAST	
Philadelphia	
Dallas*	
NY Giants	
Washington	

WEST	
St. Louis	
Arizona	
Seattle	
San Francisco	

NORTH	
Pittsburgh	
Cincinnati*	
Baltimore	
Cleveland	

SOUTH	
Indianapolis	
Jacksonville	
Houston	
Tennessee	

EAST	
New England	
NY Jets	
Buffalo	
Miami	

WEST	
Kansas City	
San Diego*	
Oakland	
Denver	

PLAYOFF PREDICTIONS

Wild Card Round
January 7–8

Second Round
January 14–15

AFC Championship
January 22

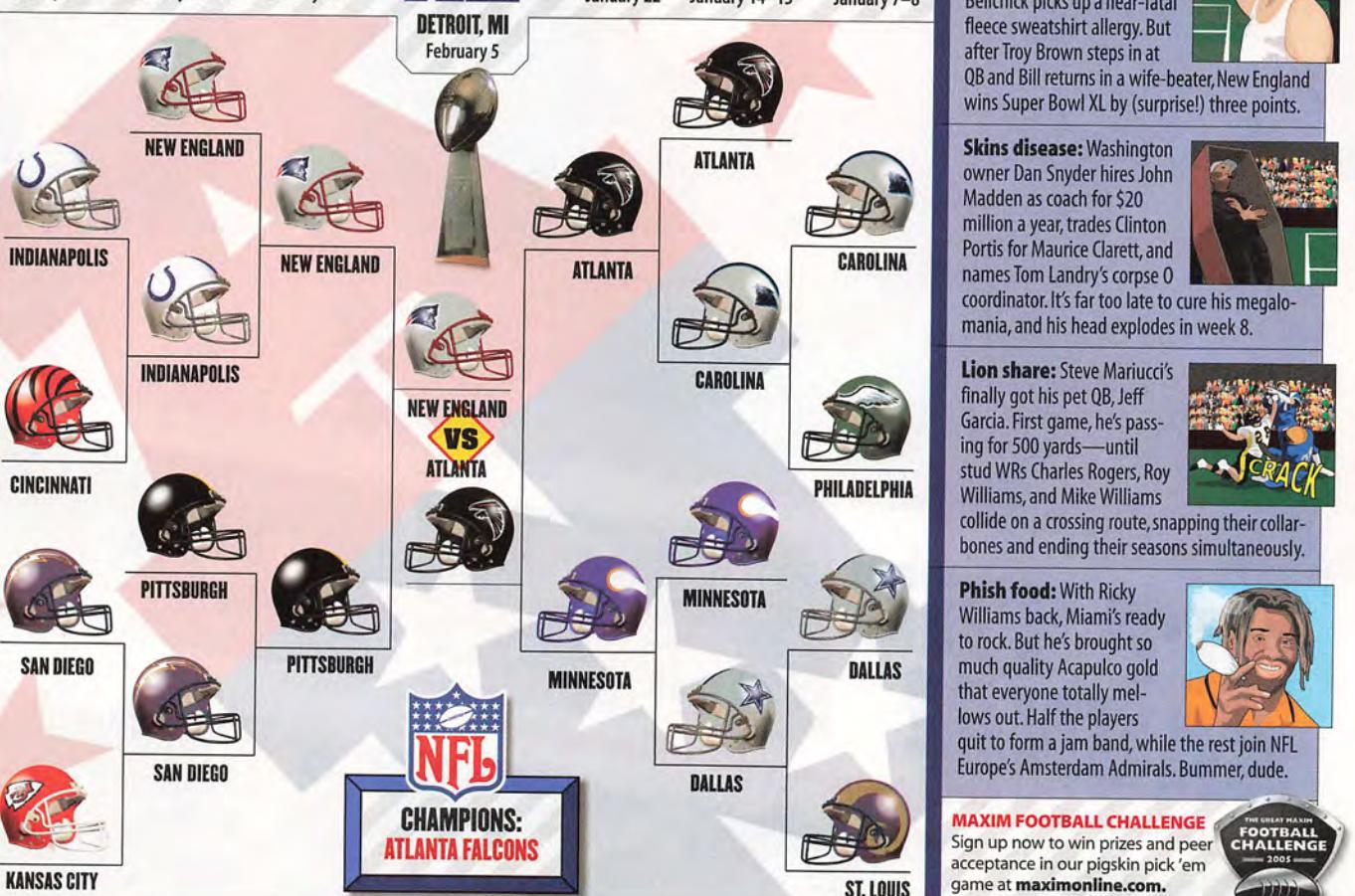
XL
SUPER BOWL

DETROIT, MI
February 5

NFC Championship
January 22

Second Round
January 14–15

Wild Card Round
January 7–8



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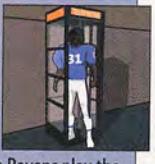
THE MAXIM CURSE

Last year we put Kellen "Knievel" Winslow on our All-Maxim team. Here's who's screwed in 2005!

Phil her up: To make up for last year's Super Bowl "comeback," Eagles coach Andy Reid runs the two-minute drill on every possession. The pace causes McNabb to heave Chunky soup every game, and the team goes 1-15. But for once they don't choke in the playoffs!



Calling Jamal: After going to jail for using a cell phone in a drug deal, the Ravens' Lewis cancels his FamilyTime plan. He falls out of touch with friends, gets depressed, and loses his edge. However, the Ravens play the Browns twice, so he still runs for 1,000 yards.



Down Pats: Tom Brady's retinas are fried by Bridget Moynahan's hotness and Bill Belichick picks up a near-fatal fleece sweatshirt allergy. But after Troy Brown steps in at QB and Bill returns in a wife-beater, New England wins Super Bowl XL by (surprise!) three points.



Skins disease: Washington owner Dan Snyder hires John Madden as coach for \$20 million a year, trades Clinton Portis for Maurice Clarett, and names Tom Landry's corpse O coordinator. It's far too late to cure his megalomania, and his head explodes in week 8.



Lion share: Steve Mariucci's finally got his pet QB, Jeff Garcia. First game, he's passing for 500 yards—until stud WRs Charles Rogers, Roy Williams, and Mike Williams collide on a crossing route, snapping their collarbones and ending their seasons simultaneously.



Phish food: With Ricky Williams back, Miami's ready to rock. But he's brought so much quality Acapulco gold that everyone totally mel-lows out. Half the players quit to form a jam band, while the rest join NFL Europe's Amsterdam Admirals. Bummer, dude.



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JAYME

The Fins were ice cold on the field last year, but at least their sidelines were smokin' hot.

Top cop: "I'm a certified Florida police officer," the Dolphins' Jayme, 26, reveals. "On the beat I got a lot of surprised reactions, but men usually ended up being very cooperative." Then again...

"One time I was mistaken for a stripper. I pulled a guy over at

3 A.M., and he asked me if it was for his

birthday. It really was his birthday. I couldn't help but laugh."

Getting Sapp-y: "My favorite player is Warren Sapp. He does what he wants to do, and if you don't like him, he doesn't care. He doesn't suck up, he doesn't play games. He's himself, and I like that."

Trouble-free: "I've been very fortunate that I haven't had anything too embarrassing happen while cheering. Friends of mine have had a chicken cutlet fall out. You know what I'm talking about? A fake boob —chicken cutlet. Not me. I've got plenty."

HIT THE SAUNA!

See more high kicks and short skirts in bonus pics and video at maximonline.com.



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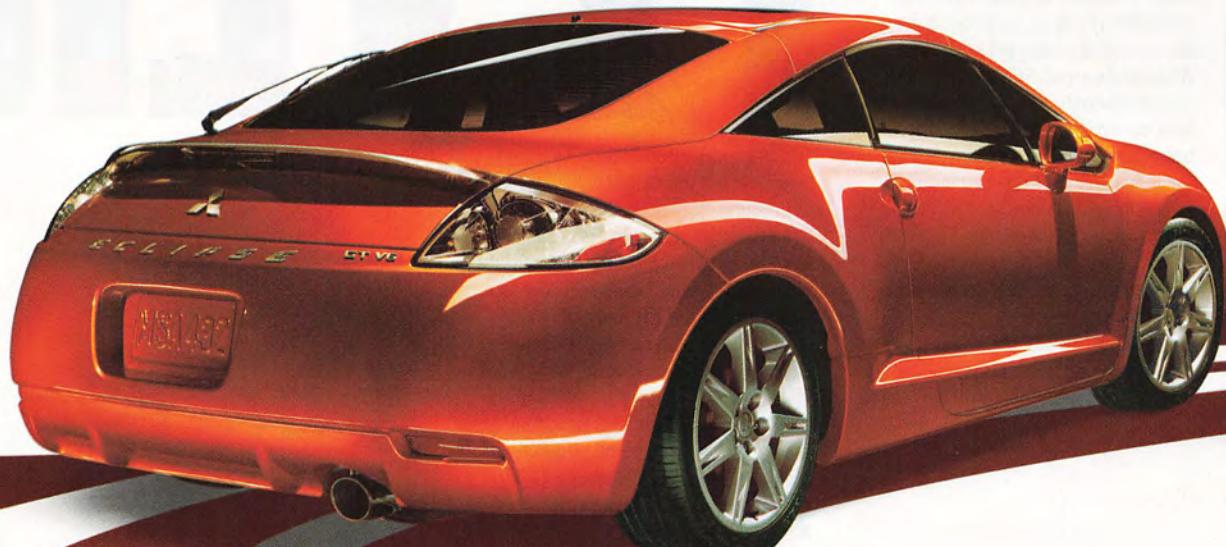


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DANCE FEVER

More than 22 million people watched Kelly Monaco shake her bonbon on the night she scored perfect 10s on *Dancing With the Stars*, the biggest summer TV hit since *Survivor* washed up into living rooms five years ago. Why all this obsession over a little song-and-dance show? Maybe it's because, deep down, people have been craving a finely executed waltz—or maybe it's because Kelly was being thrown around like a Hacky Sack wearing little more than two handkerchiefs and a twist tie. Whatever the reason, Kelly's no longer just some regular on *General Hospital*, where she's been starring in the fantasies of millions of housewives. Now she's starring in their husbands' fantasies, too, as the best thing to happen to dancing since Disco Demolition Derby night at Comiskey Park.

Is it true your first words upon winning were "Holy shit!"?

Yeah. I couldn't believe I said it. Then the host, Tom Bergeron, said something to me, and I went, "Oh, my God! Are we still on air?" And he

said, "Yes, honey, we are!" I think the second thing I said was something like "Holy Christ." I was trying to cover up the "Holy shit!"

Good save. You sure didn't look like you were going to win after the first episode, when judge Bruno Tonioli said your face looked like somebody had died.

Ah, the notorious first episode. I was shocked that he went there—my family was appalled. My little nephew looked at my mom and said, "Did somebody die?" He really thought someone had died. However, it gave me a kick in the butt and made me work even harder.

Did you want to kick Bruno's ass?

No, no, no. That's stooping to their level. I wanted to prove to myself that I could do better than they thought. That first week actually worked in my favor—it got the audience rooting for me.

Don't you think the fact that your dress broke also helped some?

Ha! Maybe for the judges. It showed them I had a professional side and lots of determination. One of them gave me a standing ovation, and not because the dance was perfect. ▶

We may still have two left feet after *Dancing With the Stars* champion Kelly Monaco gave us private dance lessons, but we also have two of the happiest eyeballs on Earth. And now, twinkle toes, so do you...







After the wardrobe malfunction, what went through your head?

Is there a five-second delay? It's a live show, and this kind of situation hadn't been talked about. The whole Janet Jackson thing flew through my mind in a brief second and the network getting fined and people getting fired and stuff like that. It was really scary. But I also thought, If I have to walk through the rest of this dance and hold myself up the whole time, then that's what I'm gonna do—because I'm certainly not going to walk off the stage and give up.

Why do ballroom dancers dress so sexy? Not that we're complaining, mind you.

They go with the dances, especially the Latin dances, like the samba. It's booty-shakin' fun, you know? The dresses have to be short and sexy and skimpy because you have to see the legs, the arms, the hands, the feet—all the movements are so specific. Whereas with the waltz, knees don't come into play so much. I was scared of the dresses at first. When I saw them I laughed and said, "You've got to be kidding me!"

Describe a day in your life while competing on *Dancing With the Stars*.

I was up at 5 A.M., in work at *General Hospital* by 6:30, where I'd bang out 30 pages of dialogue and 15 scenes. I'd be done with that by three or four in the afternoon and at dance rehearsal by five, which would end around eight or nine. Then I'd come home and study another 20 or 30 pages of dialogue for the next day, eat, go to sleep, and do it all over again in the morning.

'It's booty-shakin' fun. The dress has to be short and sexy...'

Now that you're formally trained, who's a better dancer: Travolta or Swayze?

Oh, gosh. That's like comparing me and John O'Hurley! They're different eras, you know? This sucks because *Ghost* is one of my favorite movies, as corny as that sounds. And you've got *Dirty Dancing* and "nobody puts Baby in a corner." But Travolta, can you beat that? I don't know if you can. My money's with John.

What's the biggest mistake guys make while dancing?

You've got to loosen up and stop worrying about being judged. Have fun—who cares if you look like a dork? Move to the music, however your body moves. There's no wrong in dancing.

But what about those guys who grind on girls? Is that part of it?

OK, now that's a personal-space issue. You can't intrude on a woman unless you're invited in, but so many men end up in a corner and just kind of bob their heads or tap their feet. Go out! Dance! Be free! I'd rather see a guy out there making an ass of himself than holding up the wall.

Were there any romantic sparks between you and your partner?

Absolutely not. Alec is a gentleman, an extremely sophisticated, smart young man.

Never once did I feel violated or that anything we were doing was inappropriate or uncalled for. He was extremely professional.

But that greasy Russian had his grubby paws all over you!

If that's what the audience is seeing, then we did our job well. That's what these dances are about—the passion and the lust and the vulnerability. If they're seeing that and want to be in his position, that's wonderful. I think I'm very conditioned from being in this business, especially on soaps, because it's just part of the job.

Wait, you mean those passionate soap opera kisses aren't real?

They're awkward, they're weird, they're not passionate. It's a fake soap kiss. It's the last thing either of us wants to be doing. Just walk up to some random girl and kiss her—it's not the most comfortable place to be in.

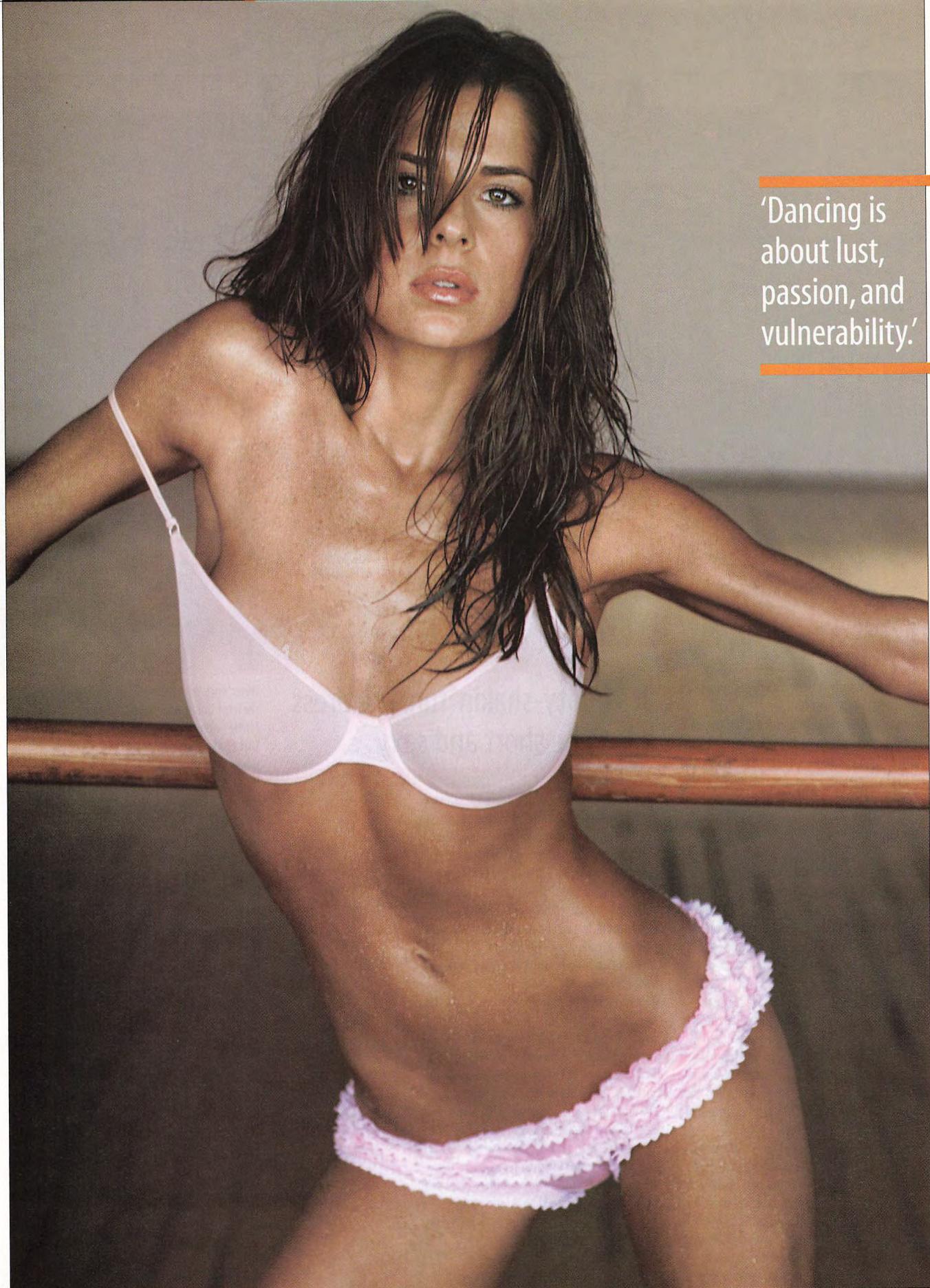
What was the most ridiculous soap opera plot you were ever involved in?

Oh, Jesus. Do you have an hour? Let's see. I was a vampire for about three years, back when I was on *Port Charles*. I had a really ridiculous story line when I first got on *General Hospital*. I was a treasure-hunting, boat-salvaging, gold-digging moron card shark. Now I'm dating a Mob tycoon. It's very *Bonnie and Clyde*.

OK, so you win the big dance contest.

You go to bed, wake up...who is the first person to call you?

Well, I didn't go to bed. After the contest, ABC threw a party for all the people involved. Then ►



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'I was a vampire for about three years.'

I went home and studied 45 pages of dialogue for *General Hospital*. Then, at 2 A.M., we had to do *Good Morning America*, but we had to wait for about four hours because of the bombings in London. I left there at 6:30, was at work at nine, and worked for the next 12 hours. I was close to a nervous breakdown. I got home and was hysterical, just crying in my car.

It must take a lot to get under the skin of a tough Philly girl like you.

Yeah, absolutely. I was raised in a pretty rough neighborhood in northeast Philadelphia. See, northeast Philly is sectioned off in blocks. You'll have one block where a certain demographic of people live, and the next block is another demographic. So you cross the street and you're in some serious trouble.

We heard you're a fan of extreme sports...

Yeah, I was in the Hi-Tec Adventure Racing Series, in an all-women's division. My first race was at night, and it consisted of 12 miles of off-road running, three or four miles of kayaking, and 12 or 15 miles of mountain biking. In between each of them was a Marine-type obstacle course, whether it was orienteering or scaling 15-foot hurdles or diving in mud pits. My team came in second.

And you saved lives as a lifeguard!

I was a lifeguard at this resort in the Poconos, and there were probably 100 people in the pool, and one of the kids hit the bottom. Something took over, and somehow my little body picked up a five-foot-eleven, 180-pound kid.

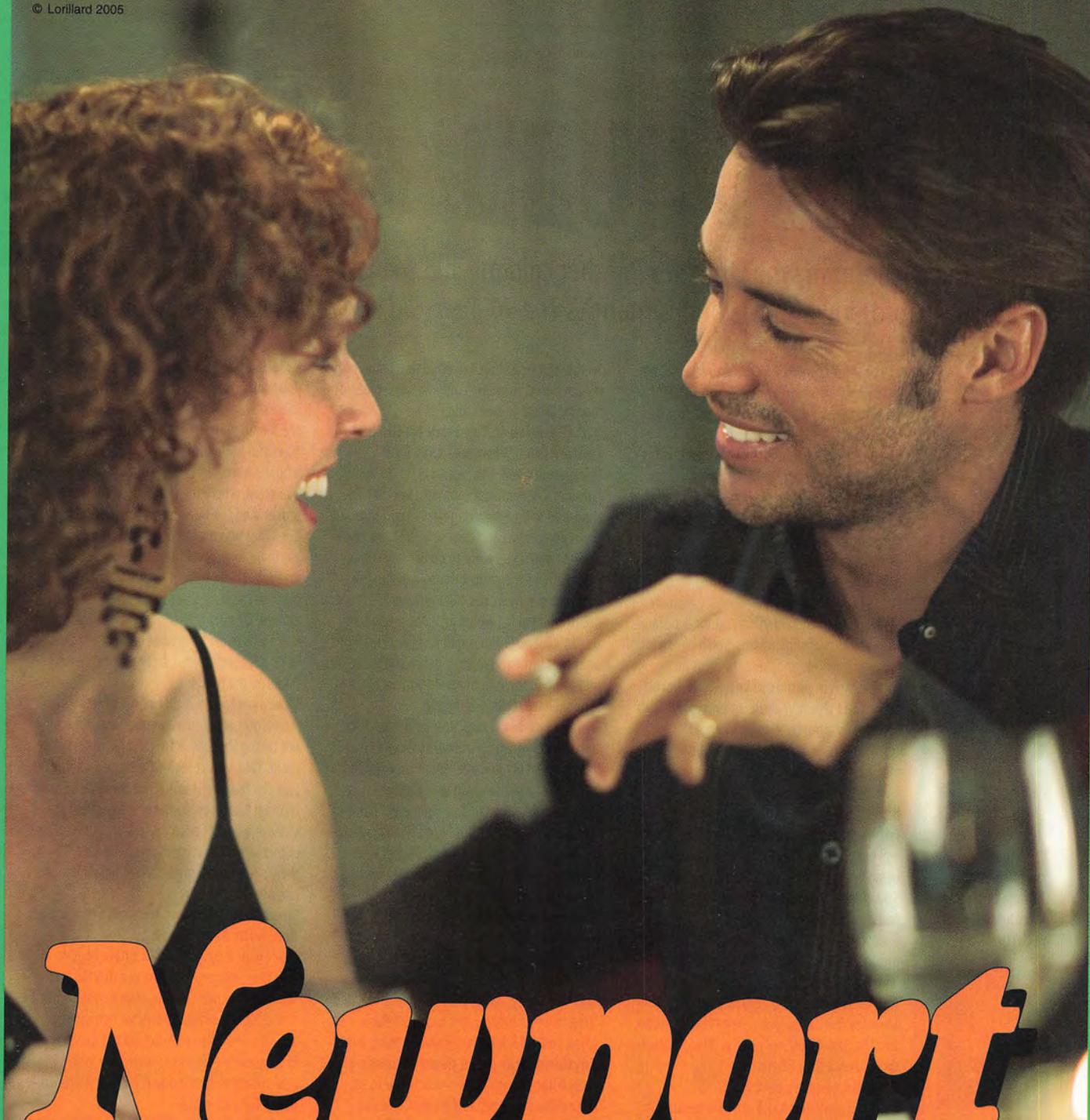
Let's recap. You're this extremely hot, petite woman who works 18-hour days, wins dance contests, pulls kids from pools, and does extreme triathlons!

I don't think I'm that tough. I think it's heart and inner strength. I'm like an ant. I look little, but if you pick and poke enough, I'll bite back. M



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"Love Is Like a Bottle of Gin" is a brilliant song."

In *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, you play a guy who's still pining for someone he broke up with two years ago. How do you get over that?

Do you ever get over that? My character in the movie is a borderline stalker. Maybe not even that borderline. Perhaps it takes time. Or alcohol. A lot of people think that drinking is a bad idea, but I go against the grain.

What advice would you have for someone who really is a 40-year-old virgin?

Put all of your energy into models, especially really intricate ones. Anything nautical, because with any kind of shipbuilding, you'll have a lot of masts and turrets and hoists to focus on.

In the movie you guys tell Steve Carell to get his chest waxed, then watch him scream in agony. Was that real?

Yes, that was all done on-camera. The key to making something like that funny is you really have to do it. He'd never had his chest waxed before, so those reactions are really Steve—my favorite is when he yells, "Kelly Clarkson!" That's real blood. I'd never been in a room with a man being waxed before. Well, besides my dad.

Speaking of realism, did you grow that mustache for *Anchorman*?

That was all real—my hair, my sideburns, my mustache. What's the point of having facial hair if you can't grow it in weird ways? What I really wanted was the Wilford Brimley, where it would cover my lips so you don't even see my mouth. Just like Sam Elliott, only minus all of the cool things about Sam Elliott.

How did people react to it?

I think my wife got a kick out of it because it was just so scummy looking, especially when it got sweaty. Speaking of sweaty, one time I ran into this elevator and my hair was all long and curly and I was in this T-shirt that said MUSTACHE RIDES, 25 CENTS. There was an older couple in there who I could tell couldn't wait to get out of the elevator.

It's hard to believe a man with that kind of T-shirt would leave his first job on NBC's *Sisters* to go study Jacobean theater at Oxford University.

I always looked at the people I liked and admired—like Daniel Day Lewis—and they never made obvious choices and all came up through the theater in a certain way. I remember my agent thought I was crazy.

What is it that you like so much about Jacobean theater, anyway?

Well, when I got there I realized that I didn't like it. I got bored. They all follow the same pattern: murder, incest, then suicide.

Just like *Friends*. You were on the last two seasons. What was that like?

Unexpected. I was only signed on to do two episodes. I never had a contract. I wasn't supposed to be a recurring character, but they'd shoot an episode, and then say, "We have one in a week, would you want to do it?" It was that casual. It was the easiest thing I'd ever done—I was essentially a prop, but I never quite grew accustomed to it. I would just look around and go, "This set is recognized in Bangladesh." Right after that last episode, they packed up those sets and shipped them to the Smithsonian. Maybe I should have stolen something.

Before you hit it big, you DJ'd bar mitzvahs and weddings. How fun was that?

It was one of my first jobs out of college. I did it for about a year and a half. It paid pretty well, and I was able to go out on auditions. That was one job I didn't enjoy. But I pretended I did, since there were some 13-year-old kids that were going to have a *really* good time because I was in control of their party.

Name one song you never want to play or hear again.

People would ask for the most clichéd songs, like "What I Like About You" by the Romantics. Or "Mony Mony" by Billy Idol, where they'd add "Hey, hey you, get laid, get fucked!" which, when you're 13, is like the greatest thing ever.

Anything strange go down at those gigs?

I was DJing in Los Angeles—actually, to say I DJ'd makes it sound as if it's cool, and this wasn't cool at all. But I did Dave Winfield's 40th birthday party and met Gene Autry. I did another party where Neil Diamond was a guest and played "September Morn" while he danced with the birthday girl and sang it to her.

Sometimes there were moments where I'd think, *This is crazy*, but other times I would finish at 2 A.M. and it was just...you can only take so much Right Said Fred, you know?

In your first film, *A Question of Ethics*, you were listed as Kenny Chin—but that's not your real name.

When I was in college, some buddies of mine stole a big ceramic clown from a miniature golf course. And I made a whole series of movies on my camcorder involving this clown showing up in weird places. Anyway, we named the clown Kenny Chin.

So what you're saying is you named yourself after a ceramic clown.

There's a really funny story behind *A Question of Ethics*. It wasn't even a movie—it was a 20-minute thing for kids about cheating in school. On the last day, we did the big redemption scene where my character comes to his senses. And the director came over, and he was like, "That was great, we just want to do an alternate take." And they gave me this script that was all about being saved and how I came to my senses because I accepted Jesus into my life, and if I hadn't, I was going to hell. I was really freaked out and didn't want to do it. They panicked, because the church financed the film.

That's certainly a question of ethics.

A question of being a complete asshole and not telling the lead actor it's a Christian film! I said, "One, I don't really believe in this, and two, I'm Jewish." It turned up on some Christian channel years ago, and somebody called my sister and said, "I think I just saw your brother in this weird Christian movie." She said, "No, there's this guy named Kenny Chin who looks just like him."

Speaking of strange movies, what's the deal with *Gen-Y Cops*?

That movie is just ridiculous. I have no idea why they offered me a part in a martial arts movie—I couldn't be less of an action guy. But it was filming in Hong Kong for two months, and I'd never been to Asia. Half the movie was in Cantonese—it was so weird, there's no way I was going to turn it down. I mean, it's called *Gen-Y Cops*. Come on!

You've had some really high-profile gigs, so people know your face, even if you're not a household name. How does it feel to be "that guy"?

I might get recognized, but certainly people don't know my name—sure, they do in some circles—but all of my favorite actors were "that guys" . . . [At the diner where the interview is taking place, a guy suddenly walks up and asks, "Are you Paul Rudd?" then takes a picture.]

Wow. That was a freaky coincidence...

I can't believe this. That couldn't have been timed better. You know, I think I'm totally fine with being "that guy."



Interview by Eric Gillin.
The 40-Year-Old Virgin penetrates theaters on August 19.

Styling, Nicole Ferreira for The Wall Group; grooming, Jenn Streicher for Artists by Timothy Piatrak; location, Sunset Marquis Hotel and Villas. Special thanks to Nora Keuylian, owner of Lamborghini Orange County, 714-546-4000.



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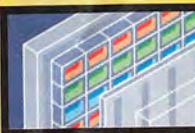
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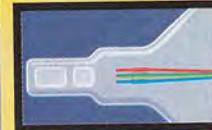
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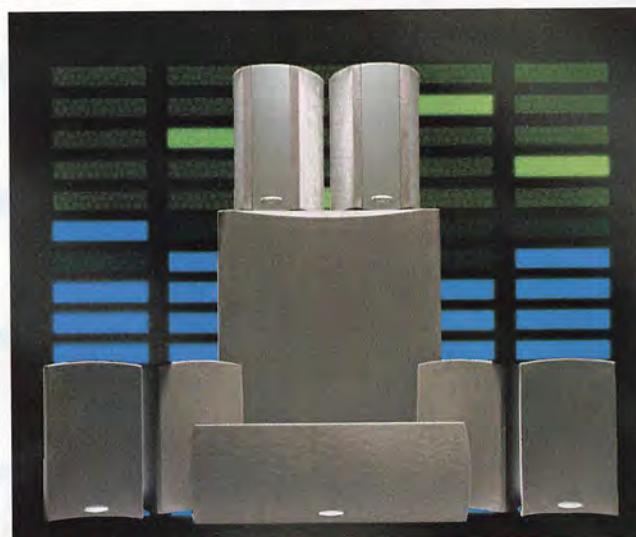
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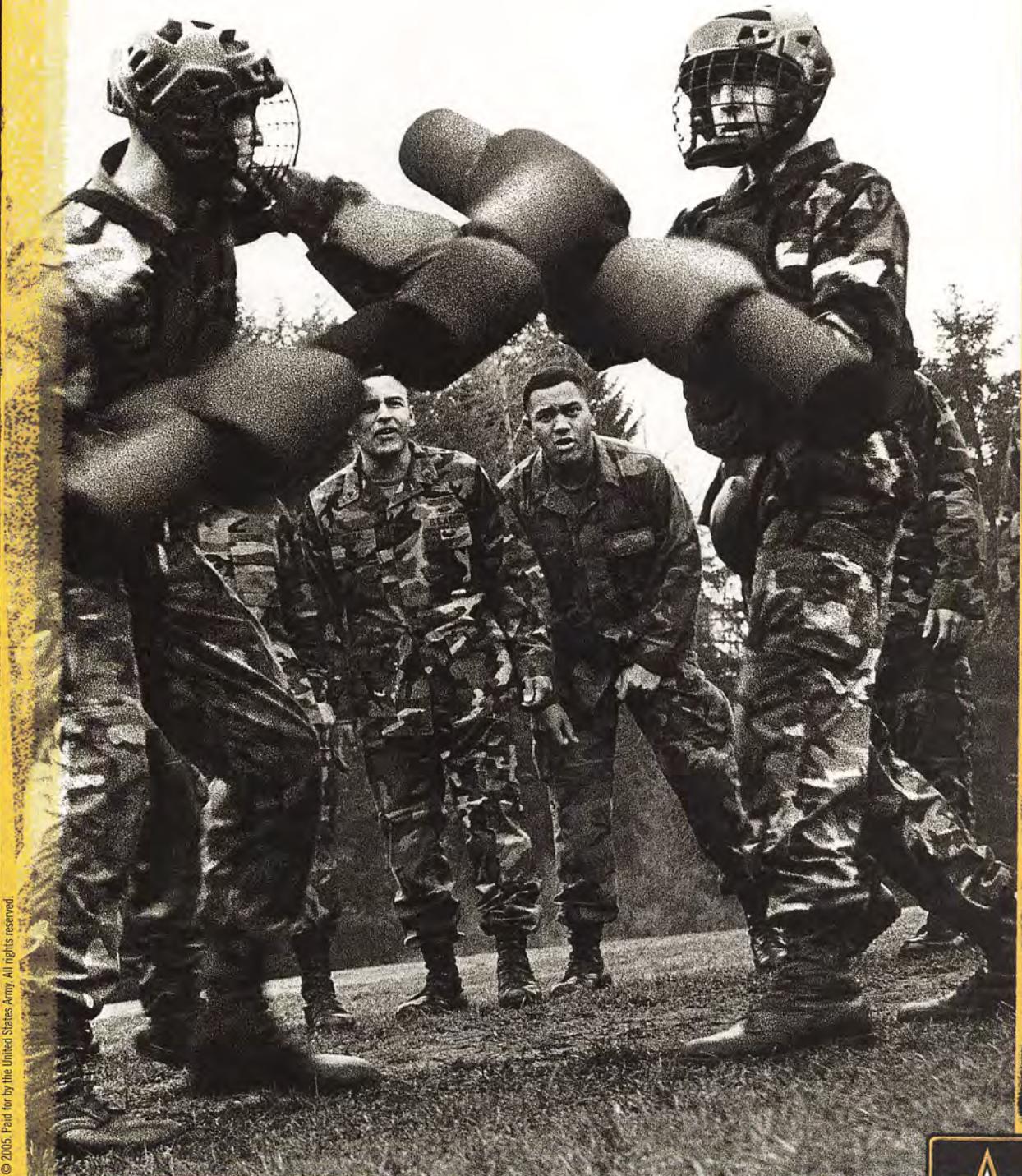
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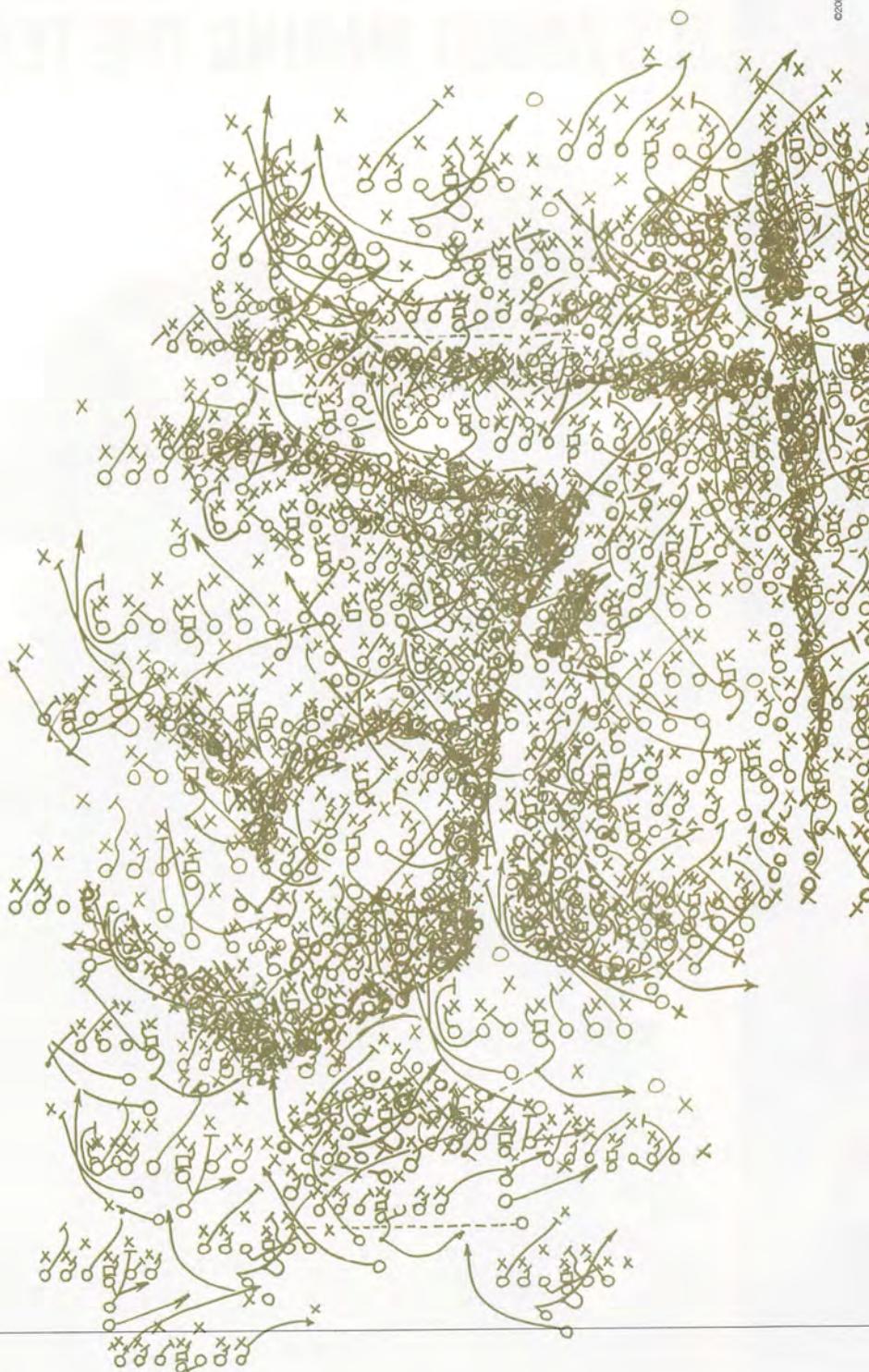


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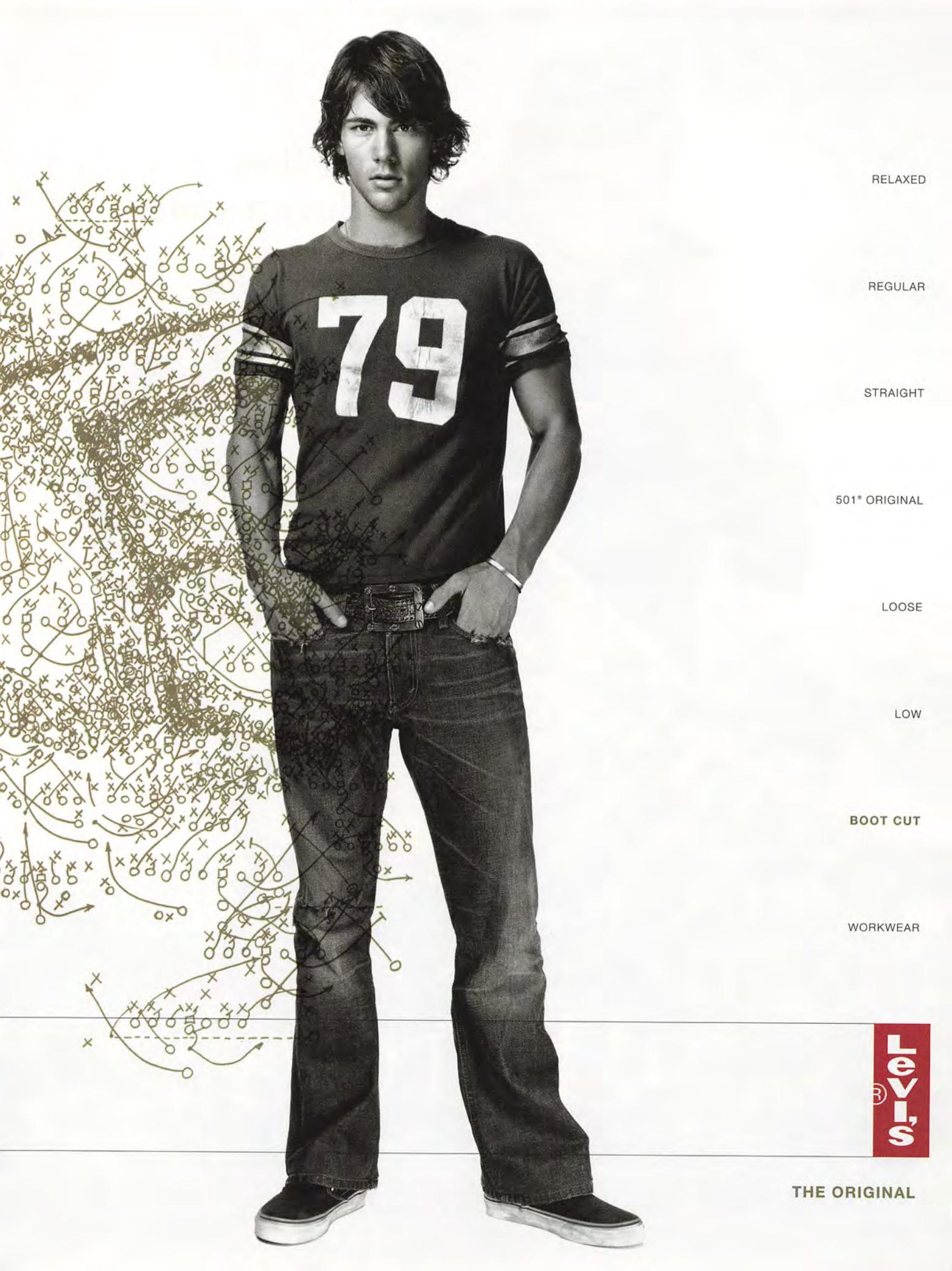




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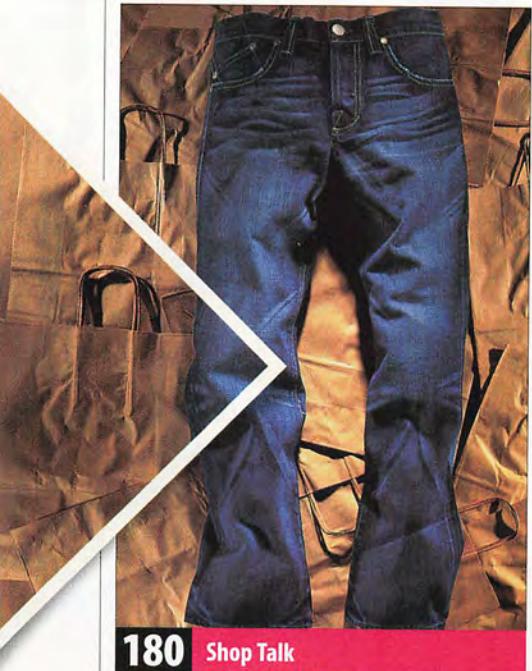
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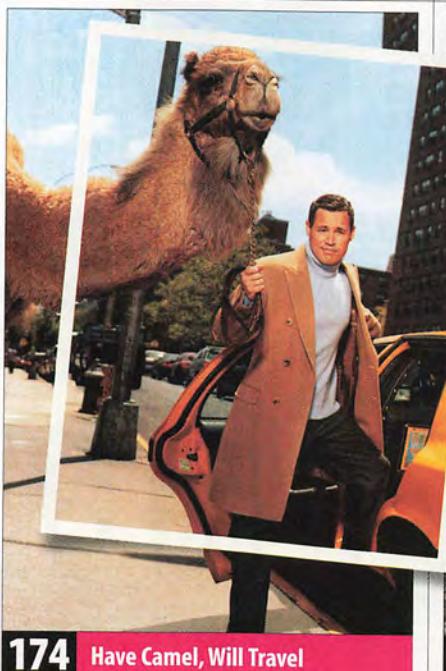
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MOSCOW

(from left) Leather zip jacket, \$1,445, sweater, \$725, and worn jeans with stitching, \$295, all by Just Cavalli; lace-up shoes, \$550, by Z Zegna. Blazer, \$850, spaded shirt, \$345, and pants, \$275, all by Calvin Klein Collection. Mohair suit, \$3,035, cashmere crew-neck sweater, \$730, printed button-down, \$450, and calf leather Chelsea boots, \$620, all by Prada. Leather shearling coat, \$6,474, cashmere turtleneck, \$1,200, and twill pants, \$575, all by Versace. Distressed leather Alpine Storm coat, \$3,000, cashmere cable-knit turtleneck, \$895, and custom-fit corduroy pants, \$98, all by Polo by Ralph Lauren.





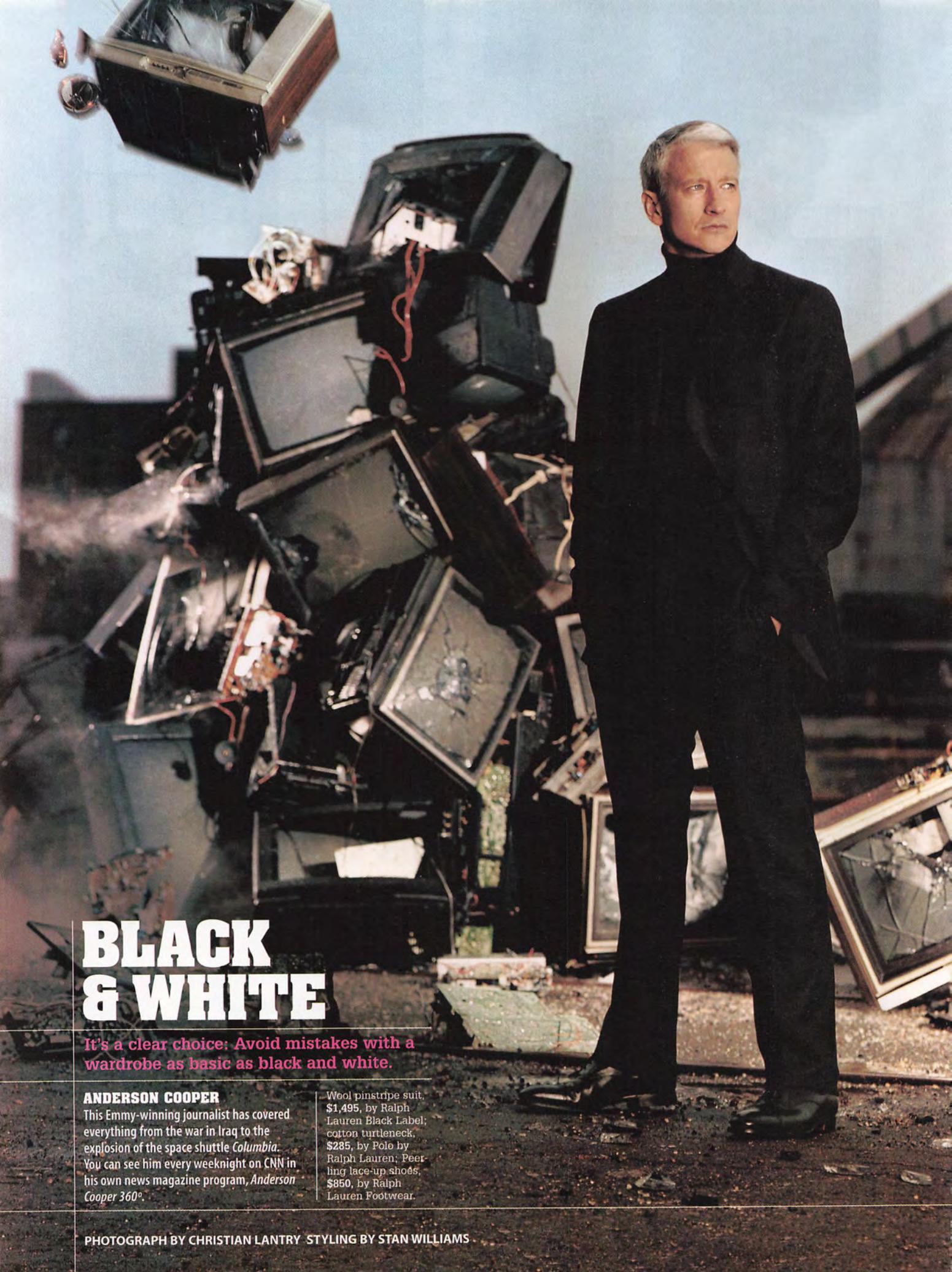
NEW YORK

(from left) Garrett crusher blazer, \$165, Blair crew-neck sweater, \$70, Treasure shirt, \$65, and Homespun loose-fit workwear jeans, \$75, all by Tommy Hilfiger; Lancer shoes, \$215, by Mezlan. Down puffy vest, \$128, and hand-knit blanket stripe sweater, \$158, both by Nautica; jeans, \$90, by Denim Star; boots, \$498, by John Varvatos. Corduroy jacket, \$298, polo, \$98, jeans, \$298, leather belt, \$125, all by John Varvatos USA; boots, \$375, by John Varvatos. Corduroy blazer, \$165, Crucial denim jacket, \$90, New Jersey sweater, \$88, sateen tonal stripe button-down shirt, \$60, and pebble-wash denim pants, \$68, all by Marc Ecko Cut & Sew; Fiore shoes, \$195, by Mezlan.



LOS ANGELES

(from left) Blazer, \$1,525, ruffled tuxedo shirt, \$670, Jesus T-shirt, \$175, and jeans with corduroy waist lining, \$455, all by Dsquared²; leather lace-up wingtips, \$625, by Dolce & Gabbana. Velvet one-button blazer, \$1,450, cashmere turtleneck, \$895, lacquered denim jeans, \$750, and leather lace-up motorcycle boots, \$1,095, all by Dolce & Gabbana. Guilla wool blazer, \$550, Rinald denim vest, \$190, Rostam button-down shirt, \$80, and Moorix corduroy pants, \$150, all by Diesel.



BLACK & WHITE

It's a clear choice: Avoid mistakes with a wardrobe as basic as black and white.

ANDERSON COOPER

This Emmy-winning journalist has covered everything from the war in Iraq to the explosion of the space shuttle *Columbia*. You can see him every weeknight on CNN in his own news magazine program, *Anderson Cooper 360°*.

Wool pinstripe suit, \$1,495, by Ralph Lauren Black Label; cotton turtleneck, \$285, by Polo by Ralph Lauren; Peering lace-up shoes, \$850, by Ralph Lauren Footwear.



1. Polo Black eau de toilette spray, \$65 for 4.2 ounces, by Ralph Lauren Fragrances

2. Pinstripe satin sport coat, \$199, by Clai-borne; cotton button-down shirt, \$155, by John Bartlett; hand-sewn silk tie, \$125, by Best of Class by Robert Talbott

3. Studded belt, \$58, by Armani Exchange

4. Wool herringbone coat, \$2,295, by Hickey Freeman

5. Eyeglass frames, \$420, by Alain Mikli

6. Dice hounds-tooth zip-front cotton sweater, \$99, by Ben Sherman

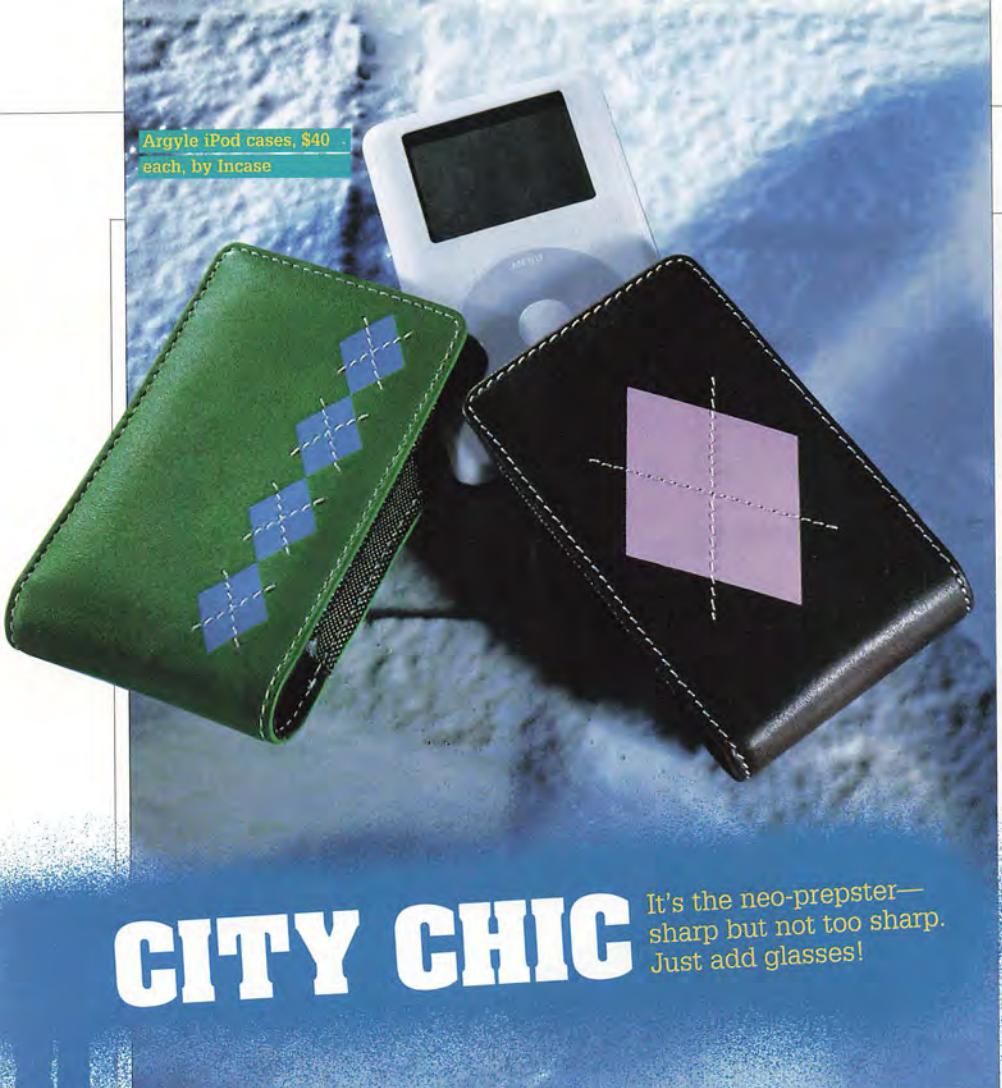
7. Leather belt, \$42, by Guess Belts

8. Chuck Taylor All Star sneakers, \$40, by Converse

9. Wool optical-knit vest, \$185, by J.Lindeberg

10. Calvin Klein 365 briefs, \$20, by Calvin Klein Underwear

Argyle iPod cases, \$40 each, by Incase

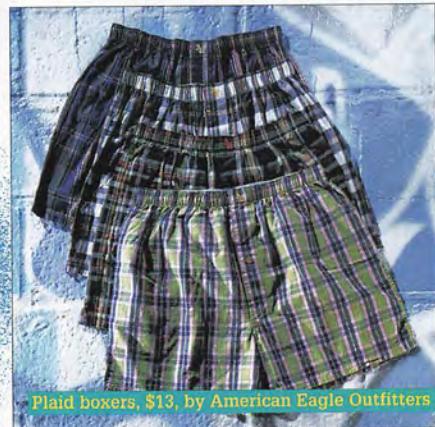


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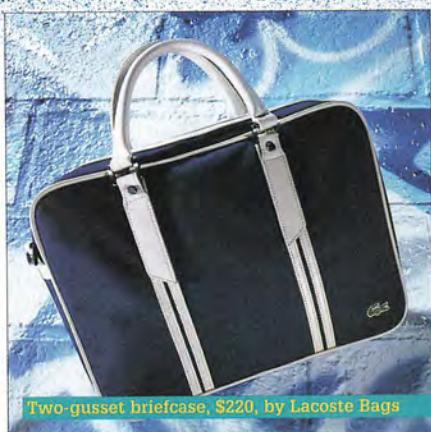
It's the neo-prepster—
sharp but not too sharp.
Just add glasses!



100 Yards track jacket, \$68, by Zoo York



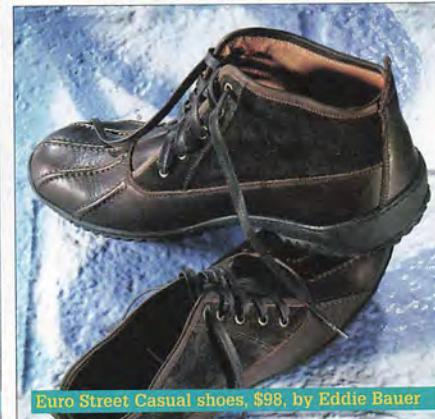
Plaid boxers, \$13, by American Eagle Outfitters



Two-gusset briefcase, \$220, by Lacoste Bags



Sweater, \$88, and shirt, \$58, both by 310 Motoring



Euro Street Casual shoes, \$98, by Eddie Bauer



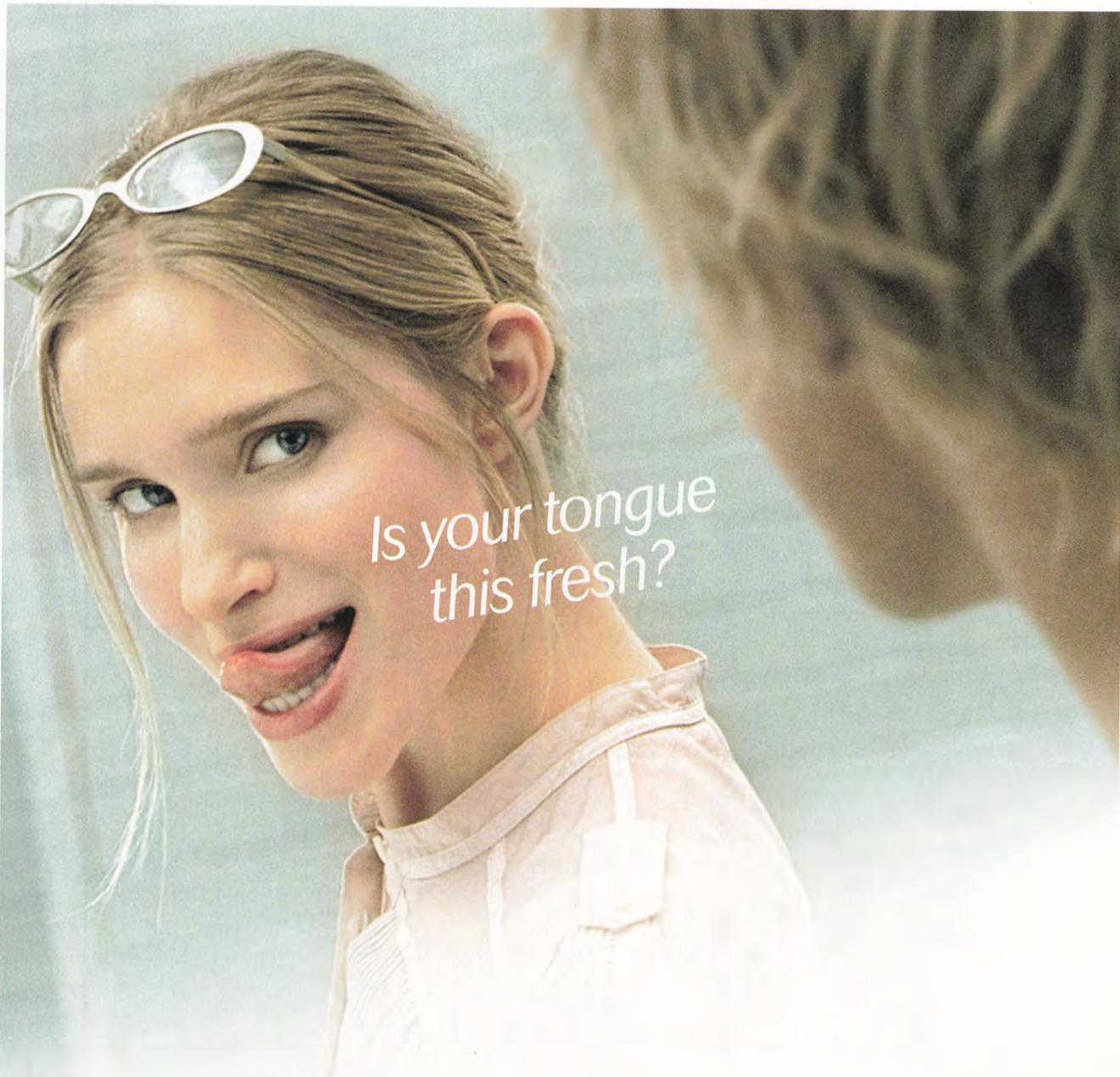
Chad belt, \$48, by Modern Amusement



Street Royalty polo, \$48, by Ecko Unltd.



Plaid pants, \$130, by Original Penguin

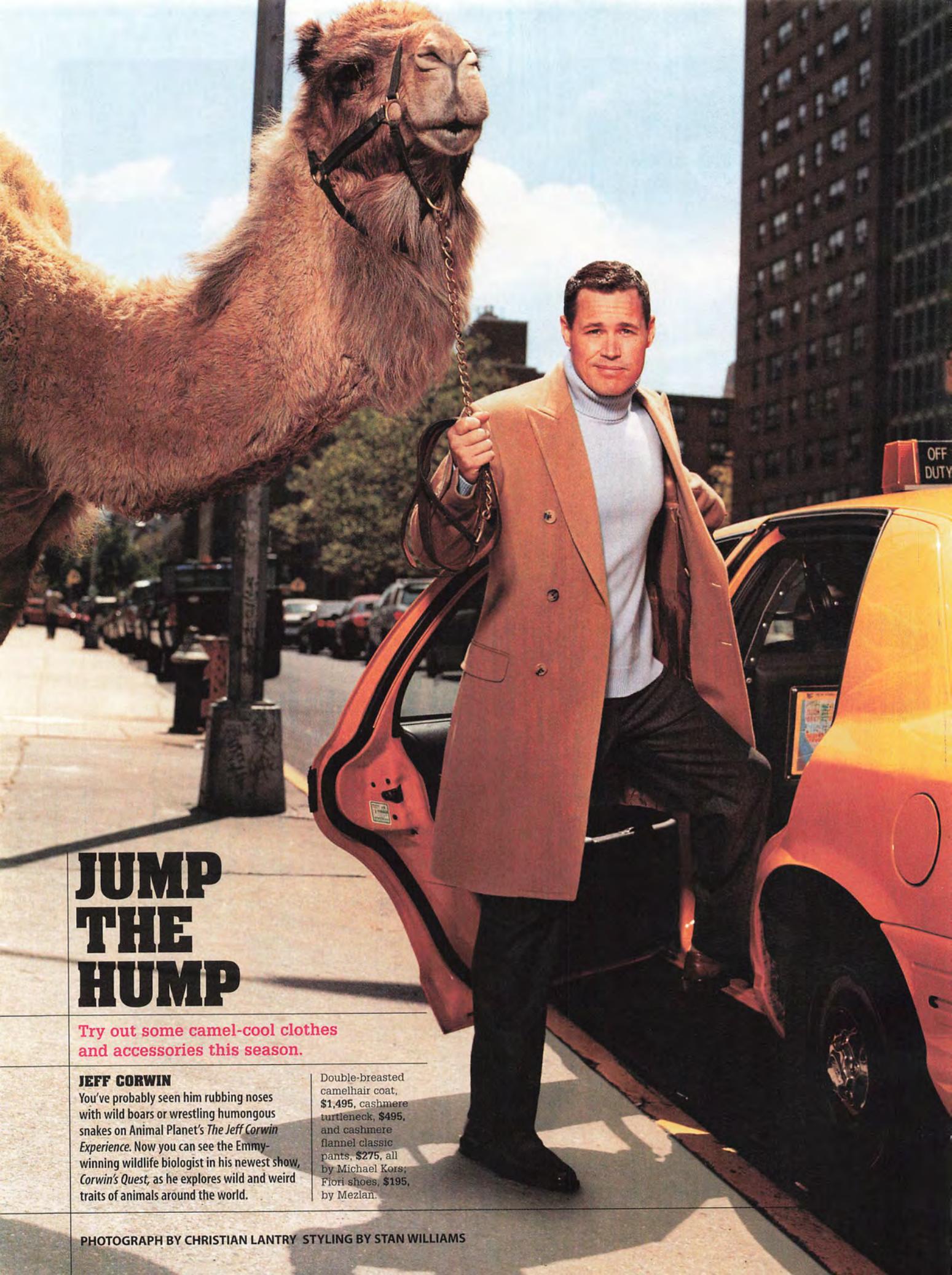


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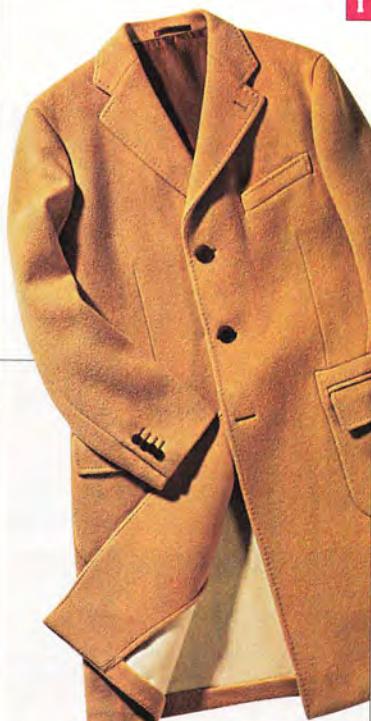
JUMP THE HUMP

Try out some camel-cool clothes and accessories this season.

JEFF CORWIN

You've probably seen him rubbing noses with wild boars or wrestling humongous snakes on Animal Planet's *The Jeff Corwin Experience*. Now you can see the Emmy-winning wildlife biologist in his newest show, *Corwin's Quest*, as he explores wild and weird traits of animals around the world.

Double-breasted camelhair coat, \$1,495, cashmere turtleneck, \$495, and cashmere flannel classic pants, \$275, all by Michael Kors; Fiori shoes, \$195, by Mezlan.



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1. Double-face merino wool coat, \$950, by Perry Ellis

2. Over-the-calf merino wool dress socks, \$35, by Pantherella for the British Apparel Collection

3. Leather motorcycle jacket, \$218, by Guess

4. Wool cardigan with quilted nylon half-lining, \$410, by Gran Sasso

5. Hercules sport shoes, \$60, by Structure at Sears

6. Maxim exclusive camera bag, \$225, by MZ Wallace, at mzwallace.com

7. Mercury long-sleeve woven shirt, \$45, by Quiksilver

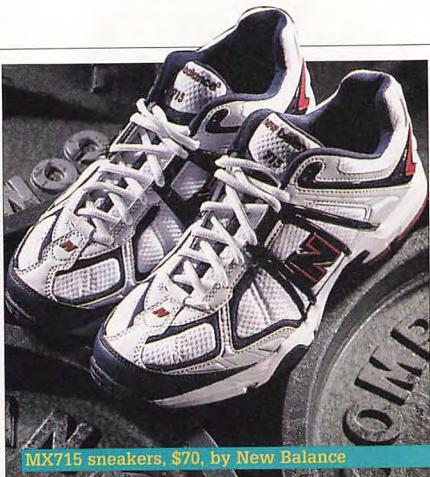
8. David High Ridge twill flat-front pants, \$70, by Tommy Hilfiger Crest Collection

Nastase tee,
\$28, by Adidas

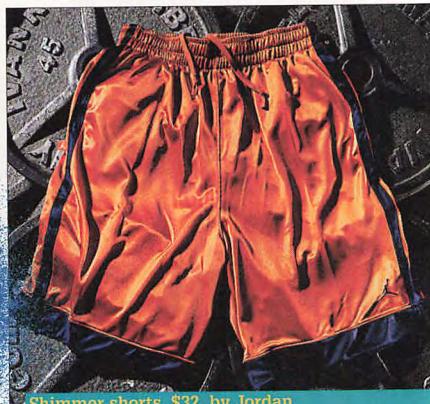


SHAPE UP!

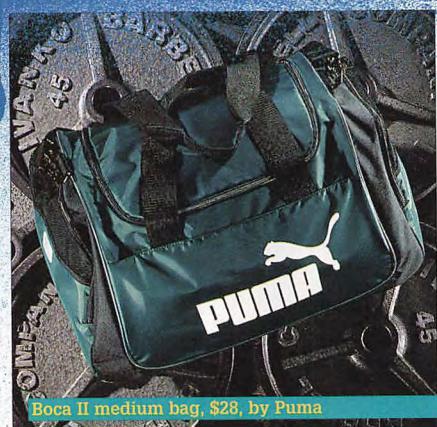
You don't have to be a musclehead to wear this fall's sporty gear.



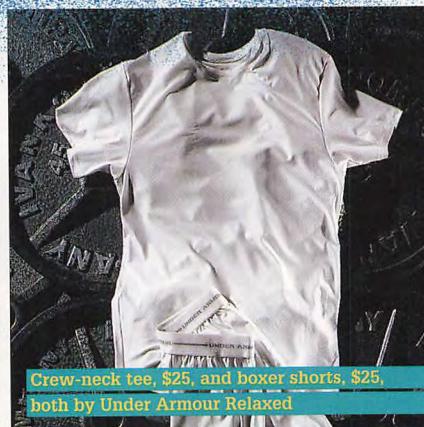
MX715 sneakers, \$70, by New Balance



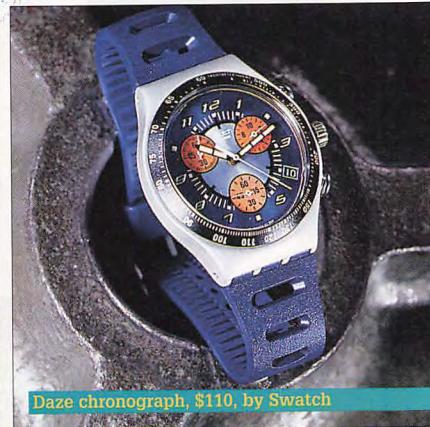
Shimmer shorts, \$32, by Jordan



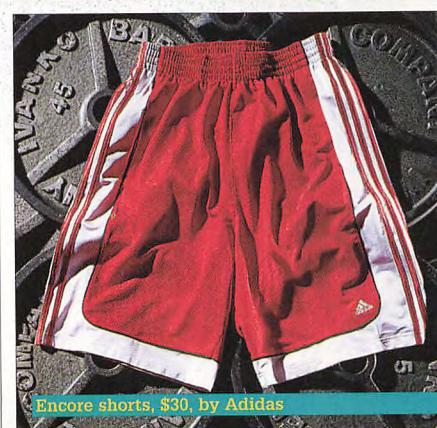
Boca II medium bag, \$28, by Puma



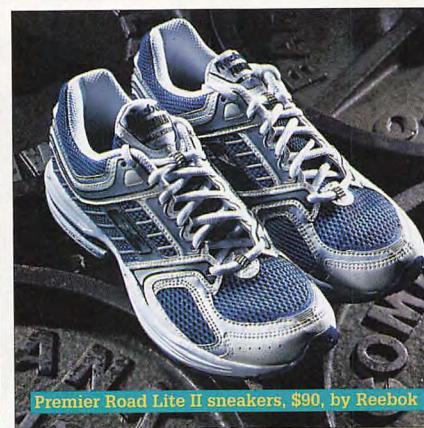
Crew-neck tee, \$25, and boxer shorts, \$25,
both by Under Armour Relaxed



Daze chronograph, \$110, by Swatch



Encore shorts, \$30, by Adidas



Premier Road Lite II sneakers, \$90, by Reebok



Gore wind-stopper jacket, \$150, by Puma



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Phoenix blazer, \$595,
by Los Angeles
Denim Atelier; Bull's
Eye striped shirt,
\$120, by Earl Jean;
jeans, \$165, by
Seven for All
Mankind; Cavalry
boots, \$220, by the
Frye Company.

Keith Robinson: Patch-
work blazer, \$195, by
Marc Ecko Cut & Sew;
cashmere hooded
sweater, \$185, by Sean
John Collection; Crest
Ballin shirt, \$70, by
Tommy Hilfiger; Dead
Man's Hand T-shirt,
\$42, by Cowboys; 501
jeans, \$58, by Levi's;
Brickhouse Kitchen belt,
\$210, by Hollywood
Trading Company; Belt-
ed Harness boots, \$200,
by the Frye Company;
watch, by Movado,
Robinson's own.

ACTIVE DUTY

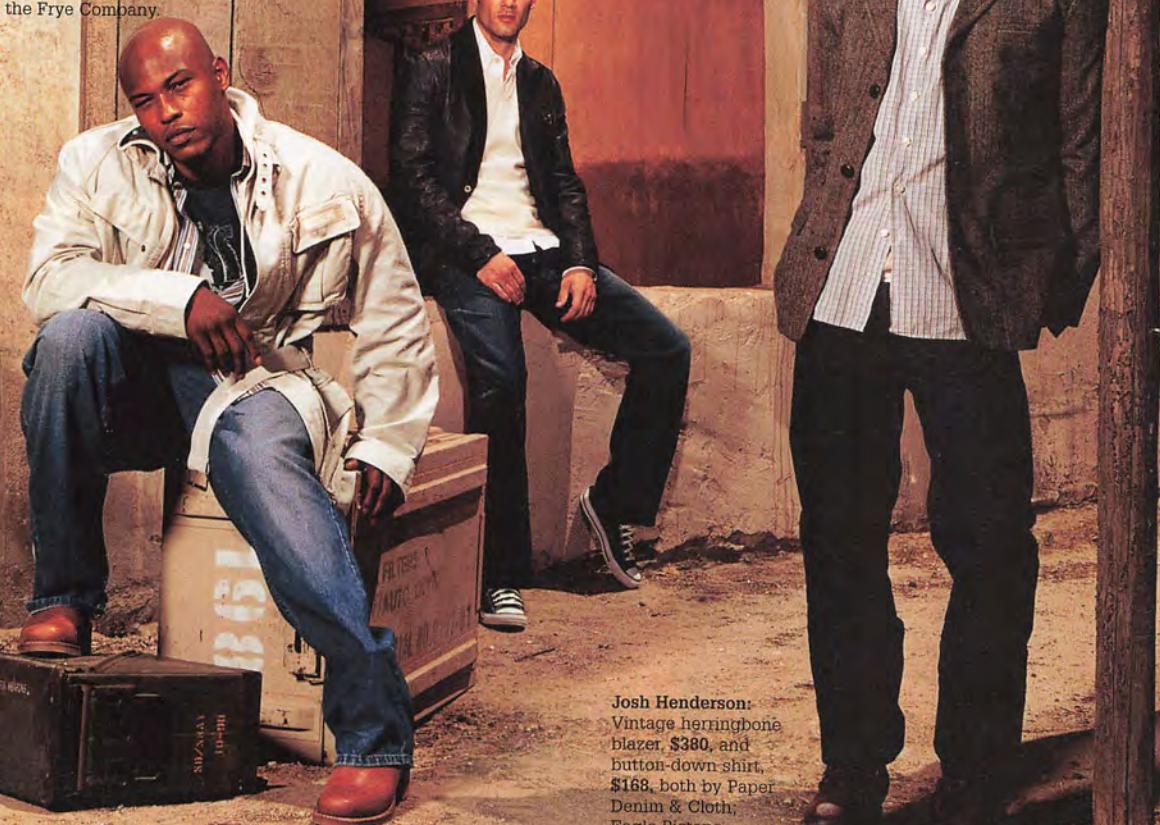
The cast members of *Over There* show off their tough-guy style.

It's the first time a television series has been created about a current U.S. war. The FX series *Over There* tells the story of a U.S. Army unit sent to Iraq on its first tour of duty.

Kirk "Sticky" Jones:
Utility jacket, \$250,
tailored button-down
shirt, \$59, and jeans,
\$85, all by Sean
John; The Nuts
T-shirt, \$42, by
Kowboys; Campus
Zip boots, \$200, by
the Frye Company.

Luke MacFarlane:
Bolina leather blazer,
\$700, Levanki
button-down shirt,
\$130, Natasha wool
vest, \$150, and
Lemmen jeans,
\$180, all by Diesel;
Chuck Taylor All
Star sneakers, \$40,
by Converse.

Josh Henderson:
Vintage herringbone
blazer, \$380, and
button-down shirt,
\$168, both by Paper
Denim & Cloth;
Eagle Pistons
thermal crew shirt,
\$48, by Lucky Brand
Jeans; Matt jeans,
\$88, by Mavi; Belted
Harness boots,
\$200, by the Frye
Company.



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WHAT'S IN STORE

The top U.S. retailers pick the items you'll flip for this fall.



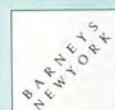
JERRY BAEST

Vice President of Men's Fashion,
Macy's Merchandising Group



SAM BEN-AVRAHAM

Owner, Atrium,
New York City



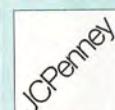
TOM KALENDERIAN

Executive Vice President and General
Merchandising Manager for
Men's Fashion, Barneys New York



KEVIN HARTER

Operating Vice President
and Men's Fashion Director,
Bloomingdale's



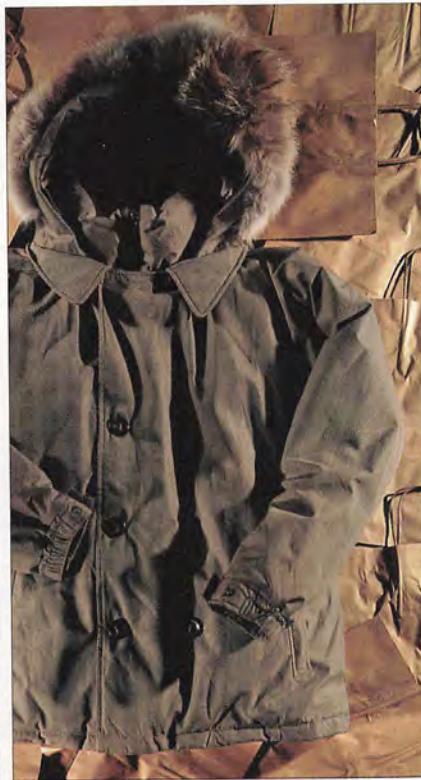
ALLYSON KUME

Trend Director for Men's
Fashion, JCPenney



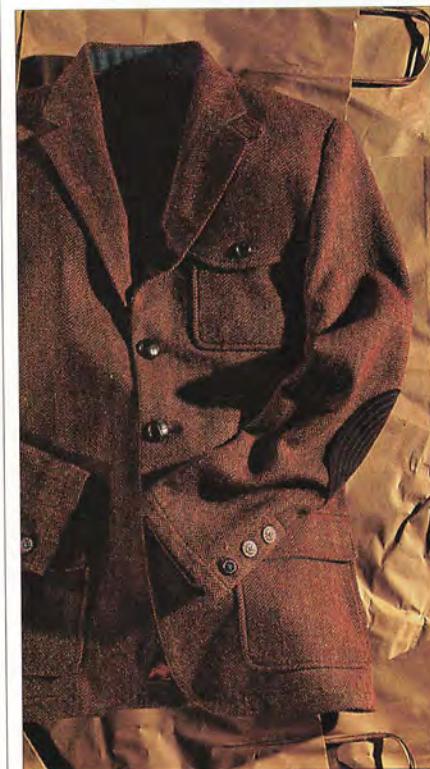
JERRY BAEST

Velvet pinstripe sport coat, \$395, by Material
London



SAM BEN-AVRAHAM

Downtown Audex jacket with Bluetooth
technology, \$999, by Burton



TOM KALENDERIAN

Old Sod washed herringbone tweed jacket,
\$340, by Trovata



KEVIN HARTER

Dark jeans with Swarovski crystals, \$220, by
Rock & Republic, Bloomingdale's exclusive



ALLYSON KUME

Art Nouveau Vine woven cotton shirt, \$45,
by (nick)it



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MAINTAIN YOUR FOCUS

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REMEMBER SOMETHING

Select your carrier (you know, the guys who send you that magazine-thick bill every month).

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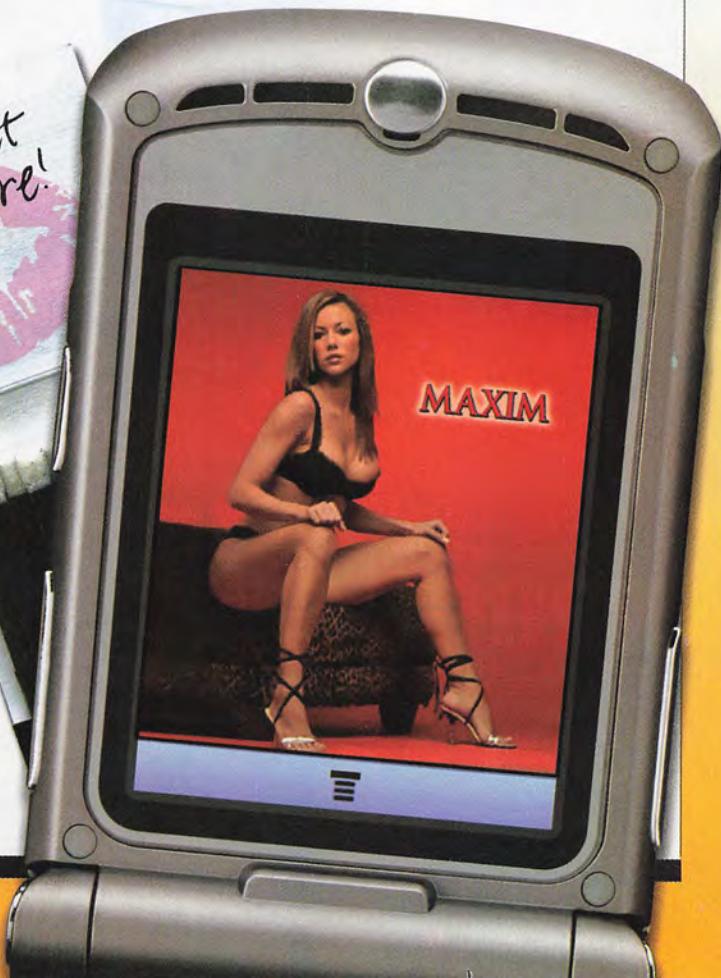
CLICK A CHICK

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Three-piece suit, \$950,
by Boss Hugo Boss;
dress shirt, \$225,
by Calvin Klein
Collection; alligator-
skin loafers, \$120,
by Calvin Klein.

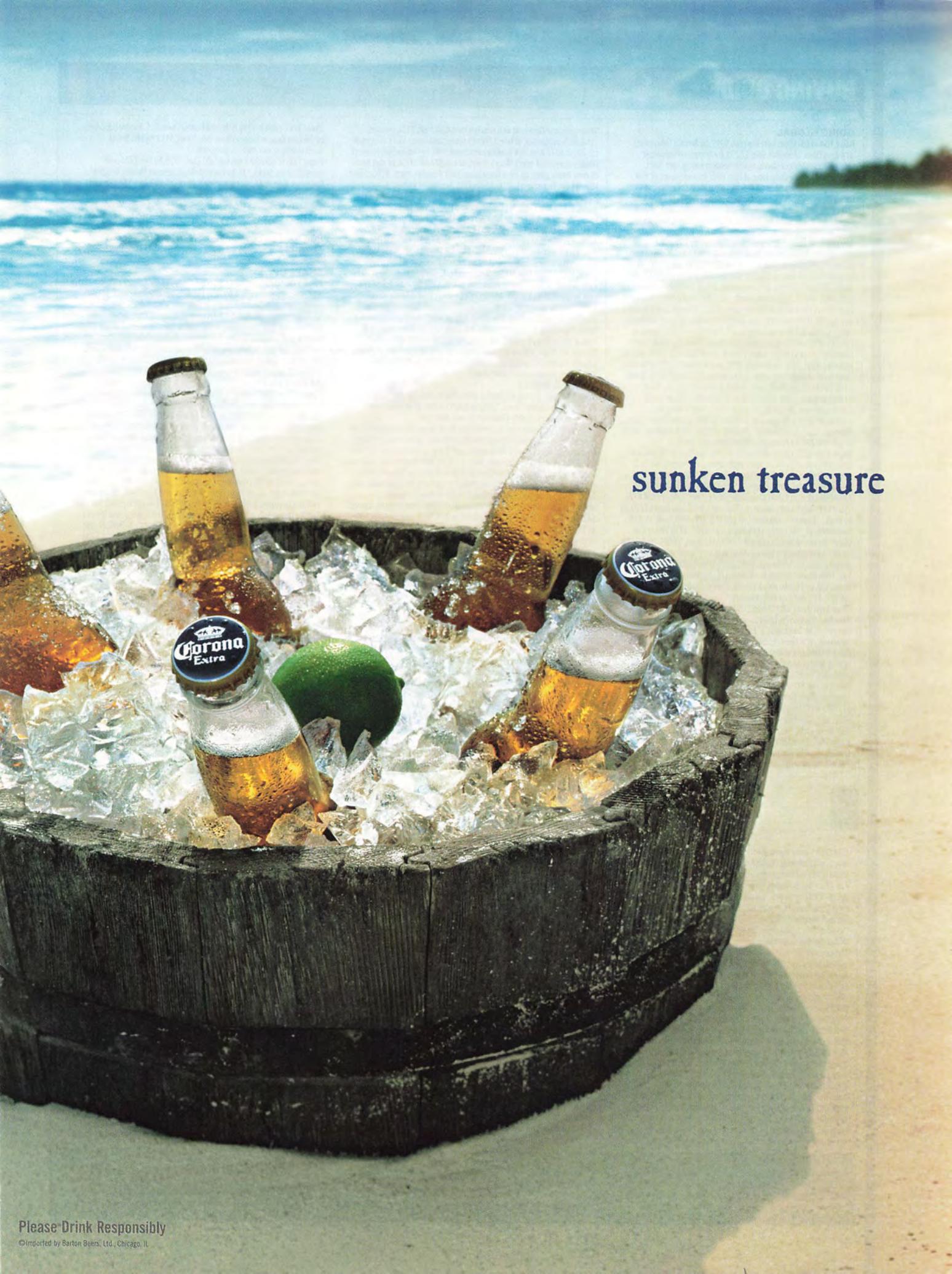
TOUGH GUY

Break out of the big house this fall in a razor-sharp suit.

DOMINIC PURCELL

There's no way you'd dress like this if you were sitting on death row like Dominic Purcell's character on Fox's *Prison Break*. But in front of the jury...now, that's a whole different story.

Grooming, Diana Schmidtke for Redken at Celestine Agency.com.
For buying information, see page 184.

A wooden barrel, weathered and dark, sits on a sandy beach. It is filled with crushed ice and several bottles of Corona Extra beer. One bottle's cap is removed and lies next to it. A single lime rests on the ice. The barrel is positioned in front of a bright, sandy beach that meets a clear blue ocean under a light blue sky.

sunken treasure

Please Drink Responsibly

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BUYING GUIDE

GOING GLOBAL

Page 164–165: (from left) Top coat, \$995, by Armani Collezione, at James Davis, Memphis; Suit, \$2,295, by Armani Collezione, at select Neiman Marcus stores; or visit neimanmarcus.com. Shirt, \$235, also by Armani Collezione, at Saks Fifth Avenue stores; or visit saksfifthavenue.com. Shoes, \$425, by Calvin Klein Collection, at Calvin Klein stores, N.Y.C.; and Dallas; or call 877-256-7373. Jacket, \$695, by Z Zegna, at Bloomingdale's; or call 888-880-3462; or visit zegna.com. Pants, \$225, by Z Zegna, at Bloomingdale's; Nordstrom, and Saks Fifth Avenue; or call 888-880-3462; or visit zegna.com. Sweater, \$295, shirt, \$225, and shoes, \$550, also by Z Zegna, at Ermenegildo Zegna stores; or call 888-880-3462; or visit zegna.com. Jacket, \$1,050, blazer, \$550, turtleneck, \$250, and pants, \$270, all by Salvatore Ferragamo, call 800-628-8916; or visit ferragamo.com. Shoes, \$570, by Z Zegna, at Ermenegildo Zegna stores; or call 888-880-3462; or visit zegna.com. Sport coat, \$995, and pants, \$325, both by Burberry London, at Burberry stores, N.Y.C., Chicago, San Francisco, and Beverly Hills. Shirt, \$175 by Burberry London, at select Burberry stores. Cardigan, \$325, by Z Zegna, at Ermenegildo Zegna stores; or call 888-880-3462; or visit zegna.com. Boots, \$765, by Ralph Lauren Footwear, at select Ralph Lauren stores; or call 888-475-7674; or visit polo.com. Coat, \$655, turtleneck, \$195, and trousers, \$250, all by Boss Hugo Boss, at Hugo Boss store, N.Y.C.; or call 800-HUGO-BOS. Shoes, \$195, by Mezlan, at Nordstrom; or visit mezlanshoes.com. Coat, \$1,050, sweater, \$200, shirt, \$250, and trousers, \$390, all by CH Carolina Herrera, at Carolina Herrera stores. Coral Gables, FL; Manhasset, NY; Las Vegas; and Houston, or visit carolinaherrera.com. Wingtips, \$225, by Johnston & Murphy, at Johnston & Murphy Stores; or call 888-792-3272; or visit johnstonmurphy.com.

Page 166–167: (from left) Jacket, \$1,445, sweater, \$725, and jeans, \$295, all by Just Cavalli, at Just Cavalli store, LA. Shoes, \$550, by Z Zegna, at Ermenegildo Zegna stores; or call 888-880-3462; or visit zegna.com. Blazer, \$850, shirt, \$345, and pants, \$275, all by Calvin Klein Collection, at Calvin Klein stores, N.Y.C.; and Dallas; or call 877-256-7373. Suit, \$3,035, sweater, \$730, shirt, \$450, and boots, \$620, all by Prada, at select Prada stores; or call 888-977-1908. Coat, \$6,474, turtleneck, \$1,200, pants, \$575, and boots, \$708, all by Versace, at Gianni Versace stores; or call 888-3-VERSACE. Coat, \$3,000, by Polo by Ralph Lauren, at select Neiman Marcus stores; or call 888-475-7674; or visit polo.com. Turtleneck, \$895, by Polo by Ralph Lauren, at select Saks Fifth Avenue stores; or call 888-475-7674; or visit polo.com. Pants, \$98, by Polo by Ralph Lauren, at select Ralph Lauren stores; or call 888-475-7674; or visit polo.com.

Page 168: (from left) Blazer, \$1,525, by Dsquared[®], at Aloha Rag, Honolulu. Shirt, \$670, by Dsquared[®], at Germany of Red Bank, NJ. T-shirt, \$175, by Dsquared[®], at Fred Segal, Santa Monica. Jeans, \$455, by Dsquared[®], at H.Lorenzo, LA.; and Jeffrey, N.Y.C. Wingtips, \$625, by Dolce & Gabbana, at Dolce & Gabbana stores; or call 877-70-DGUSSA; or visit dolcegabbana.it. Blazer, \$1,450, turtleneck, \$895, jeans, \$750, and boots, \$1,095, all by Dolce & Gabbana, at Dolce & Gabbana stores; or call 877-70-DGUSSA; or visit dolcegabbana.it. Blazer, \$550, by Diesel, at select Diesel stores; and select Nordstrom stores; or call 877-433-4373; or visit diesel.com. Vest, \$190, shirt, \$80, and pants, \$150, all by Diesel, at select Diesel stores; or call 877-433-4373; or visit diesel.com.

Page 169: (from left) Blazer, \$165, sweater, \$70, shirt, \$65, and jeans, \$75, all by Tommy Hilfiger, at select Macy's stores; or call 888-TOMMY-4U; or visit tommy.com. Shoes, \$215, by Mezlan, at

Nordstrom; and Elevee; or visit mezlanshoes.com. Vest, \$128, sweater, \$158, both by Nautica, at select Filene's stores; and select Macy's stores, or call 877-NAUTICA; or visit nautica.com. Jeans, \$90, by Denim Star, at select Filene's stores; and select Macy's stores; or call 877-NAUTICA; or visit nautica.com. Boots, \$498, by John Varvatos, at John Varvatos stores, N.Y.C.; Shore Hills, NJ; Las Vegas; and L.A.; and Saks Fifth Avenue; or visit johnvarvatos.com. Jacket, \$298, by John Varvatos USA, at John Varvatos stores, N.Y.C.; Short Hills, NJ; Las Vegas; and L.A.; or visit johnvarvatos.com. Polo, \$98, and belt, \$125, by John Varvatos USA, at John Varvatos stores, N.Y.C.; Short Hills, NJ; Las Vegas; and L.A.; Barneys New York; Saks Fifth Avenue; or visit johnvarvatos.com. Jeans, \$298, by John Varvatos USA, at John Varvatos stores, N.Y.C.; Short Hills, NJ; Las Vegas; and L.A.; Scoop; or visit johnvarvatos.com. Boots, \$375, by John Varvatos, at John Varvatos stores, N.Y.C.; Short Hills, NJ; Las Vegas; and L.A.; Bergdorf Goodman; Saks Fifth Avenue; or visit johnvarvatos.com. Blazer, \$165, by Marc Ecko Cut & Sew, at select Macy's stores; Atrium, N.Y.C.; select Lord & Taylor stores. Jacket, \$90, by Marc Ecko Cut & Sew, at select Macy's stores; and Robinson May. Sweater, \$88, by Marc Ecko Cut & Sew, at select Macy's stores; Lord & Taylor; Skin Deep, North Dartmouth, MA. Shirt, \$60, by Marc Ecko Cut & Sew, at select Macy's stores; Skin Deep, North Dartmouth, MA; Goliath, Harlem, NY. Pants, \$68, all by Marc Ecko Cut & Sew, at select Macy's stores; Goliath, Harlem, NY; and Robinson May. Shoes, \$195, by Mezlan, at

Nordstrom; or visit me!

BLACK & WHITE
Page 170: Suit, \$1,495, by Ralph Lauren Black Label. Turtleneck, \$285, by Polo by Ralph Lauren. Shoes, \$850, by Ralph Lauren, all at select Ralph Lauren stores; or call 888-475-7674; or visit polo.com.

Launder, stores, or call 800-473-5074; or visit [launder.com](#).
Page 171: (clockwise from top left) Polo Black Spray, \$65, by Ralph Lauren Fragrances, at department stores; or visit [polo.com](#). Sport coat, \$199, by Claiborne, at select Macy's West stores; and Macy's East stores; or call 800-581-7272; or visit [claiborne.com](#). Shirt, \$155, by John Bartlett, at Moda; and Kline Kline, Tie, \$125, by Best of Class by Robert Talbott, at Robert Talbott stores; The Ascot Shop, La Jolla, CA; Malouf's, Lubbock, TX; or call 800-747-8778; or visit [roberttalbott.com](#). Belt, \$58, by Armani Exchange, at Armani Exchange stores; or visit [armanixchange.com](#). Eyeleglasses frames, \$420, by Alain Mikli, at Alain Mikli stores; or visit [mikli.com](#). Sweater, \$99, by Ben Sherman, visit [bensherman.com](#). Briefs, \$20, by Calvin Klein Underwear, at Macy's; and Bloomingdale's; or visit [cku.com](#). Vest, \$185, by J.Lindeberg, at J.Lindeberg stores, N.Y.C.; and LA Sneakers, \$40, by Converse, visit [converse.com](#). Belt, \$42, by Guess Belts, at Guess stores; or call 800-39-GUESS; or visit [guess.com](#). Coat, \$2,295, by Hickey Freeman, at Hickey Freeman store, N.Y.C.; or by special order at Bergdorf Goodman; or visit [hickeyfreeman.com](#).

CITY CHIC

Page 172: (clockwise from top left) iPod cases, \$40 each, by Incase, at Apple stores; or visit store.apple.com; or visit golincase.com. Jacket, \$68, by Zoo York, visit zoy.com. Boxes, \$13, by American Eagle Outfitters, at American Eagle Outfitters stores; or visit ae.com. Shoes, \$98, by Eddie Bauer, at Eddie Bauer stores; or call 800-426-8020; or visit eddiebauer.com. Pants, \$130, by Original Penguin, at Original Penguin store, N.Y.C.; or visit originalpenguin.com. Polo, \$48, by Ecko Unlimited, at Macy's; or visit eckounltd.com. Belt, \$48, by Modern Amusement, at Fred Segal, Santa Monica; Villians, San Francisco; Holt Renfrew, Canada; or visit modernamusement.com. Briefcase, \$220, by Lacoste Bags and Leathergoods, visit neimanmarcus.com. Sweater, \$88, and shirt, \$58, both by 310 Motoring, visit 310.com.

JUMP THE HUMP

Page 174: Coat, \$1,495; and pants, \$275, by Michael Kors, at Michael Kors

stores, N.Y.C.; and Beverly Hills; and Barneys New York. Turtleneck, \$495, by Michael Kors, at Barneys New York. Shoes, \$195, by Mezlan, at Nordstrom's; or visit mezlanshoes.com.

Page 175: (clockwise from top left) Coat, \$950, by Perry Ellis, visit perryellis.com. Socks, \$35, by Panthere, at Neiman Marcus; Bergdorf Goodman Men, N.Y.C.; Barneys New York; or call 800-451-3985; or visit britishapparel.com. Jacket, \$218, by Guess, at Guess stores; or visit guess.com. Cardigan, \$410, by Gran Sasso, at Thomas Miller, Woodbury, NY; L'Uomo Vouge, Bloomfield, MI; and Andriksen Morton, Denver; or visit granassoso.com. Shirt, \$45, by Quiksilver, at Select Quiksilver Boardriders Clubs; or visit quicksilver.com. Pants, \$70, by Tommy Hilfiger, call 888-Tommy-40-Bag, \$225, by MZ Wallace, visit mzwallace.com. Shoes, \$60, Structure, at Sears stores.

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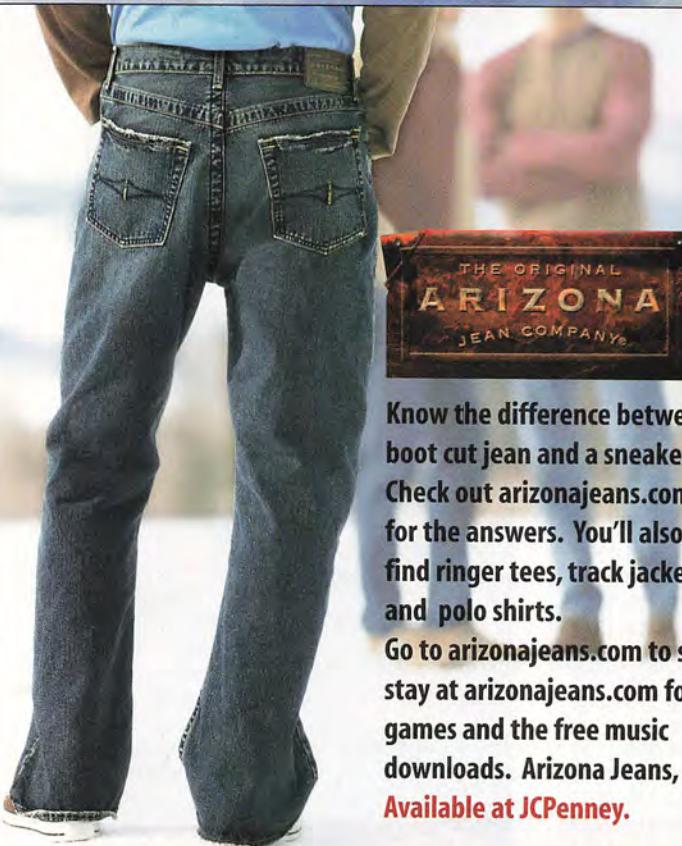
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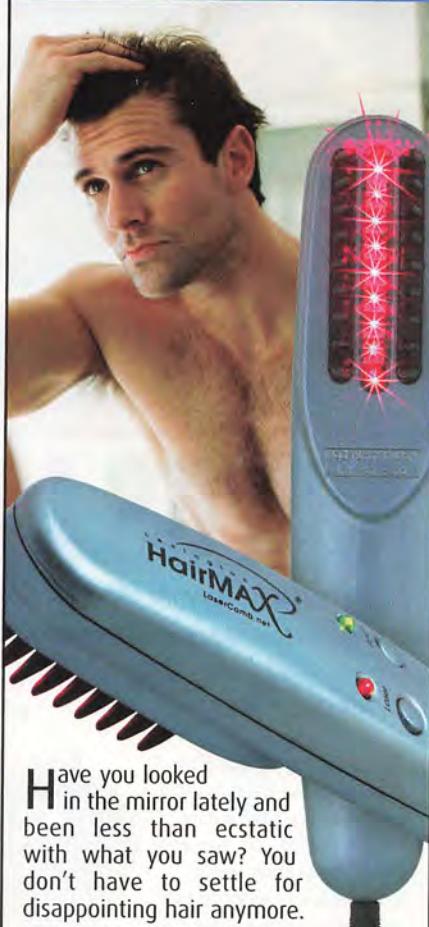
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A Good Christ, yes! Tales of papal violence, corruption, and illicit sex abound throughout history. Between 882 and 1046, there were a whopping 41 Popes, largely because they kept getting tortured and killed by Pope wannabees. John XII (955–64) allegedly boned not only his father's mistress but *his own niece*, and he castrated a cardinal. And before he got his pointy hat, Clement VII (1523–34) was known as the Butcher of Cesena for having



Clement VII—
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3,000 women and children murdered after they objected to being raped by his soldiers. Thing is, bad behavior didn't really bother ye olde Catholics—they kind of liked their Popes naughty. "Pope Adrian VI [1522–23] was a ferocious reformer who cleared prostitutes from Rome and abolished carnivals," explains Lawrence Cunningham, professor of theology at Notre Dame. "When he died, crowds gathered at his doctor's house and erected a sign that read SAVIOR OF THE ROMAN PEOPLE. They couldn't stand the moral vigor." Much like certain Catholic schoolgirls we've, uh, known.

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Did Mr. T release a rap album? **YES**

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Does Popeye the Sailor have a nephew named Poopoe? **YES**

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According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, lawn mowers were responsible for 53 deaths in the United States in 2000.

Q HOW DO HOSPITALS DISPOSE OF BODY PARTS?

A If you've ever eaten hospital food, you probably have some theories. But it turns out limbs are typically disposed of much like entire bodies—they're cremated. After they're hacked off, the appendages are examined by pathologists at the hospital, then placed in refrigerated—and no doubt creepy—storage areas. When it's determined that limbs are no longer needed, they're placed in big red bags and incinerated. However, some patients maintain an, ahem, attachment to their amputated extremities and ask for them back. "Some people want to bury the entire body for religious reasons," says Meredith Goins of the Amputee Coalition of America. "Having the limb returned to you can also make it feel more final. So at many hospitals you can fill out paperwork and pick up your limb, assuming it wasn't an extremely traumatic injury." Plus, it gives Junior a surefire hit at show and tell!



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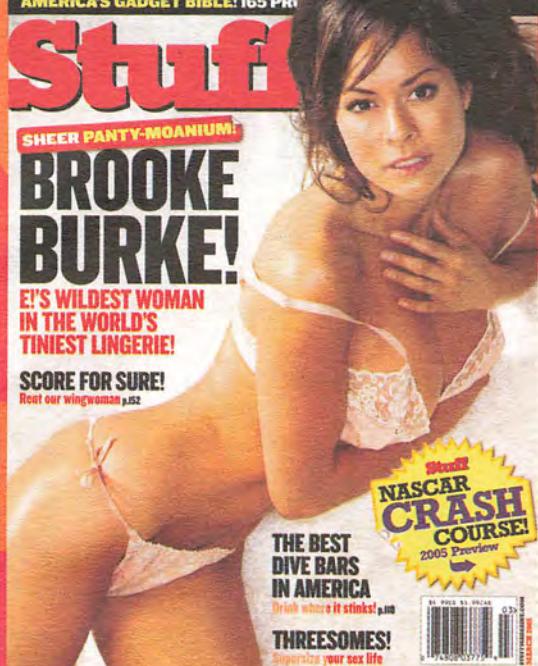
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